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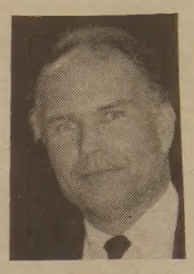

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Food drive underway

By ANGELA KOTLARZ
Staff Writer

Your help is needed as Niagara College, in co-operation with the Counselling Department, is about to launch its annual Food for Friends food drive campaign.

"We would really like to make a plea to all staff and students to really look at the issue and believe they can help students that need help," said Dave Rapelje, a counsellor in the Counselling Department at the college.

On Nov. 29 the campaign kicks off when Rapelje and the college van will visit approximately 30 Welland grocers who will be donating non-perishable food items to the effort.

"We've also sent out over 2,000 bags to senior administrators and program co-ordinators for the purpose of distribution to their staff and students," said Rapelje.

The daily pick-up of food will start Monday, Nov. 29 and run until Friday, Dec. 3. Rapelje said, "unfortunately we haven't been able to form an active committee only because there haven't been any volunteers as of yet."

Rapelje and two members of the Student Administrative Council are working to help pull this food drive off.

SAC's involvement, he said, has included producing and generating posters and help distributing boxes when the time comes.

Last year the campaign's 50 to 60 volunteers were able to generate enough food to help feed 107 Niagara College students and the hope this year is to, "at least make a dent in the food supply that is needed," said Rapelje.

Extra food not used will be donated to food banks throughout the community.

Non-perishable food items are needed. These may include peanut butter, soup, rice in a box, Kraft dinner, canned tuna, spaghetti noodles and "things that aren't going to expire immediately."

"Last year we had people put six-packs of beer in the boxes," he said, "so we're asking people to refrain from depositing any alcoholic beverages in the boxes this year."

Boxes will be located in each program area, said Rapelje.

"It doesn't take a lot for someone to go to their cupboard, grab a can of tuna, stick it in their bookbag and then throw it in a box on their way through the door."

Originally, an award provided by SAC was to go to the program with the largest amount of donations, but a cash reward will now be re-routed into the Food for Friends campaign.

"We're still working on the details of the award," said Rapelje, "but we feel it almost defeats the purpose of the whole thing because everyone who donates will know they've done something for someone else and that's the real award."

Organizers are working on a system to collect food at other campuses with storage "centrally at the Welland campus."

"Counsellors at the satellite campuses will have on-hand boxed-up supplies, though, ready to distribute if the situation arises," he said.

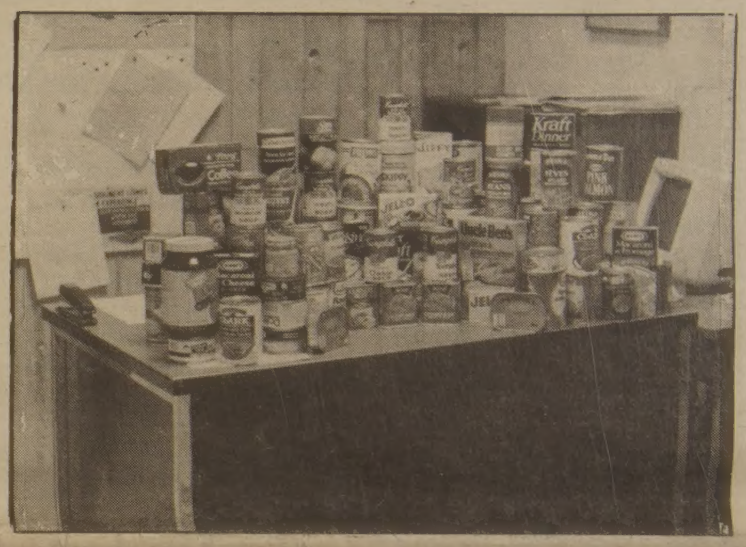
Anyone interested in volunteering can expect to help empty boxes, stack canned goods, put up posters, distribute collection boxes, or stand at the doorways reminding people the food drive is taking place.

"We're looking at this as a college-run function for college students," said Rapelje, "and I can't stress how important it is that people donate."

With it being Christmas-time those working in the Counselling Department would like to know everybody coming through the door will be provided for, he said.

"We're really hoping we can draw on the sense of community here at Niagara College, with students helping students," said Rapelje.

Volunteers for the Food for Friends food drive can contact Dave Rapelje at Ext. 7771.



The Retirees Club helped to support the Food For Friends Food Drive at Niagara College by donating an abundance of non-perishable goods. The drive will run from Nov. 29 to Dec. 3.
Photo by Angela Kotlarz

Resignation leaves SAC opening

By GREG FURMINGER
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council has a vacancy following the resignation of one of its members.

On Nov. 1 Brad Billard resigned the position of vice-president social after deciding to withdraw from studies at Niagara. Billard's position has been filled by former vice-president internal Jeremy Lowe.

Billard, 21, cited personal problems including the recent death of his father as factors in his decision to quit Niagara.

"I didn't have it in me to go to school," he said. "I stopped kidding myself and decided to take some time off.

"We got a lot accomplished on SAC. I'll miss the work of organizing student events," he said.

Lou DiMattio, SAC liaison, said the fact he was at another campus and had to commute made his job on SAC "that much more dificult."

Billard was a first-year Hospitality and Tourism program student. He is now working at M.T. Bellies restaurant in Welland as a shift supervisor where he said he is "getting experience in the field I was going to school for."

In accordance with the SAC constitution, Lowe had to resign his position as vice-president internal and was then appointed vice-president social by the board of directors for SAC, DiMattio said.

"There is so much work to be done now as social," said Lowe. "We can't wait for a byelection." He said he will be responsible for pubs, bands and other special student activites. His previous duties included arranging guest speaker visits and SAC activity movies.

Lowe worked closely with Billard and already knows contacts associated with the position.

"Jeremy is really competent," said Billard. "He knows what's going on. His zest for social activities is awesome."

Lowe said it was too bad that Billard left, but added, "He's happy with his new job. I think he's doing all right."

"He had good ideas," said Frank Keltos, vice-president athletic. "I'll miss him."

Billard plans on attending Ryerson Polytechnical Institute next fall to pursue an education in hospitality and tourism.

A byelection will be held Monday, Dec. 6 to fill the position of vice-president internal. Nominations for candidacy were due yesterday and campaigning starts today.

It's 7729 you phone for emergency loans

By CHARLIE KOSCAK
Staff Writer

There is help available for those who need it, but it better be an emergency.

That's the message financial aid officer Elaine Grandmaison wants to give students who are applying for an emergency loan.

"The emergency loan is basically available to students who have not picked up their Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)," says Grandmaison.

"An emergency is something that cannot be budgeted for. It's an unforeseen occurrence or circumstance that arises for which a student is not prepared."

Medical emergencies and broken glasses are two accepted emergencies which students can receive financial assistance to a maximum of $300.

Car insurance, food and car repairs are not considered emergencies because those are items which should have been budgeted for, says Grandmaison.

Requests by students looking for money to buy food are usually refered to the Community Resource and Action Centre in Welland.

"I would be willing to listen to anybody's story. What I'm really not wanting to hear is emergency funding for budgeted items," she says.

About 30 per cent of the students applying for a loan are turned away because they don't know what emergencies qualify for the loan.

Repayment period varies from situation to situation, but is usually expected within one or two months. There is a $10 charge for the loan at the discretion of the loan officer.

To apply for a loan, OSAP students can go to the financial aid office and get an application form and a promissary note to fill out. The promissary note must be co-signed.

Entrepreneurship - catch the wave!

By ELIZABETH BROWN
Staff Writer

Entrepreneurship - the wave of the future - has come to Niagara College.

Doug Griffiths, 21, a first-year Retail Management program student and executive vice-president of the Young Entrepreneur Society at Niagara College, attended the National Youth Conference in Toronto, at the Chestnut Hotel, on Nov. 11, 12, 13.

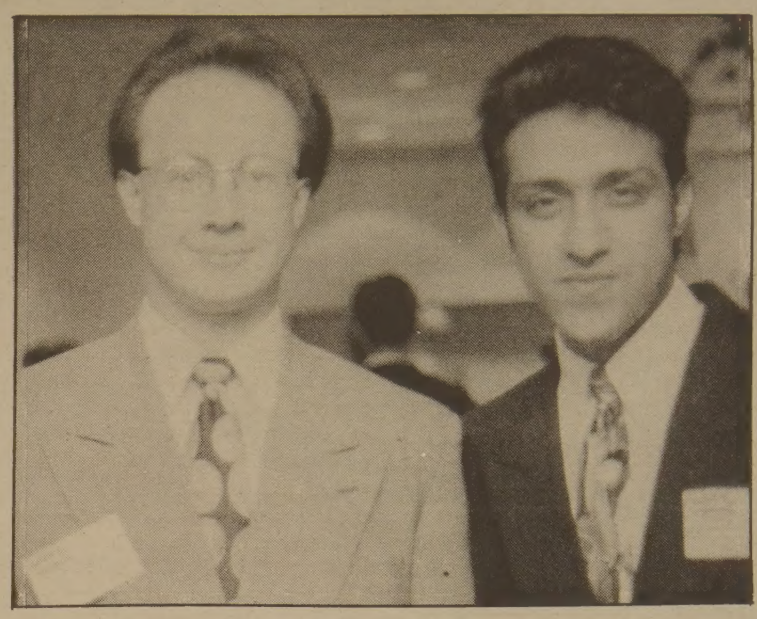
This is the first time a Niagara student has participated in the 5th annual event.

The society raised funds by selling pizzas and a donation was made by the Student Administration Council.

The National Youth Conference was held by the Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs (ACE) and was the largest gathering of young entrepreneurs ever held in Canada.

Over 250 students worldwide participated in the event, including students from Japan, Mexico and the United States.

"There were a lot of excellent business opportunities from meeting dozens and dozens of students with the same interests as I," said Griffiths.



John Clayton, 21, and Deepak Nagrani, 23, of Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., attended the conference.
Photo by Elizabeth Brown

"You come here for all different reasons and take away the confidence to make a difference in your community," Jade Bourelle, national director of ACE Canada, said in an address to the conference.

"Next year I hope we can send more students to attend the conference which will be held in western Canada," said Griffiths.

He said he learned from a panel discussion that three future aspects of business are globalization, the environment and entrepreneurship. "Entrepreneurship is the wave of the future," he said.

Among the guest speakers were Bill Clennan, the Memory Man; Robert Kulhawy, president of the Calco Group; John Sleeman, Sleemans Brewery; Natasha Rajewski, president Soapberry Shop; Michael and Aaron Serruya, Yogen Fruz; Ron Foxcroft, Fox 40 Whistle; and Ted Rodgers, Rodgers Communications Inc.

ACE offered seminars ranging from student entrepreneur start-up tips to the mental filing system, giving members options to learn more in areas of interest.

"If you can dream it, you can do it," Foxcroft told the conference. "Extraordinary things happen to ordinary people, if they work hard enough."

"Many people think about it, others take it by the horns and get it," said Michael Serruya.

Greg Josey, formerly of St. Catharines, is studying at St. Mary's University in Halifax, N.S.

Five students in the ACE organization were from St. Mary's.

It was Josey's first year at the convention. "I think it's a great way to meet people interested in the same things I am," he said. "It's a good way to make ACE stronger."

Josey is studying for a Bachelor of Commerce degree, majoring in management.

"This is a great opportunity to exchange ideas and to see what's out there. It's exciting to see who the leaders in tomorrow's businesses will be," said Josey.

He said free entreprise will help Canada's economic situation.

Sal Venegas, 22, from Wichita State University in Wichita, Kan., is studying entrepreneurship. It was the first conference for Venegas.

"I came to explore more non-traditional business opportunities," he said.

Venegas's first entrepreneurial venture is to open a pizzeria. "It's less of a risk and is a hands-on form of education."

"The great things that you don't think you can accomplish and the little things you are unwilling to do, I think the real danger is, that you may doing nothing at all," said Verne Harnish, president of Cameron Development and founder of ACE and The Young Entrepreneurs Organization.

18 programs offered

Time-saving January start

programs jump start diplomas

By ANDREA SNIDER
Staff Writer

Sleep in till January and still finish your degree six months faster.

Students can now get a head start on pursuing their diplomas and save six months of school by enrolling in one of Niagara College's 18 new January start programs.

Most of the programs start on Jan. 10, 1994, with the winter term running until the end of April, followed by a spring term from May 2 to July 22. Nursing will run from Jan. 24 to May 6 and from May 16 to Aug. 26.

Also being implemented in 1994 are January start post-diploma programs for students already with university or college degrees or related work experience.

The post-diploma programs are Environmental Management and International Trade, each of which is one year in length. Environmental Mangagement will be offered at the St. Catharines campus and International Trade at the Hospitality Centre in Niagara Falls.

Recreation Leadership is the new two-year program offering students skills for employment in areas such as: municipal recreation departments, senior citizen homes, hospitals, social service agencies, fitness centers and private or commercial agencies.

The General College program has three streams going in January: business and technology, community studies or media and design.

A press release from Lyn Russo advises that General College is a good choice for students who are unsure of their career goals or whose first choice program is full.

The three-year Business Administration program has a common first year before being divided into five options for the continuation of the program: Accounting (academic or co-op), Human Resources Management (co-op), Information Systems, Marketing (co-op), or Operations Management (co-op).

The technological programs offered at Niagara will be broadened starting in January including Industrial Engineering Technician - Quality Control, which is a 64-week program.

The January start program is especially time-saving for high school students who finish their year in January and don't want to waste time waiting until September.

Registration for January-start programs and more information about entrance requirements is available through the Office of the Registrar, Hennepin Hall, Welland campus.

Say 'YES' to new Niagara club

By ALAN GILDAY
Staff Writer

Have you ever had the urge to sell things to your friends? Do you dream of opening your own business? If you answered, yes, to any of these questions, then a newly formed club could be right up your alley.

Jeff Poulin, 21, a student in Niagara College's Retail Business program, decided to form the Young Entrepreneur Society (YES) "as retail management doesn't have co-op. We thought it would be a good way to get some experience. . . but we want to get people from many different disciplines involved. People don't have to be in a business program to become a member."

Although plans aren't finalized, the group wants to hold some fundraisers, trips and dances. The group had two successful pizza days.

"Eventually we'll be getting some guest speakers in," said Poulin, who is also president of the club.

The club has applied for membership with the Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs (ACE), an international organization with members from Canada, the U.S., and Japan.

Although this isn't the first time that a business-oriented club has been established, Poulin pointed out that "the group is committed to being around for a long time."

"ACE has been around in Canada for five years and was established 25 years ago," said Poulin.

"We also want to try and convince teachers to support and encourage the club," he said.

The YES club's ten members invite people to attend their meetings, held each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in ME309. Membership fees are $25 per year which includes membership in ACE.

Gator tour comes to Port

By TODD L'ECUYER
Staff Writer

Wake up Port Colborne! "Gator Tour 93" is coming.

The Lakeshore Catholic High School Student Council is presenting a concert featuring two of Canada's premiere acts - 13 Engines and The Pursuit of Happiness along with a third act, Ditto, a local Welland group.

The Pursuit of Happiness, a Toronto-based band, will be headlining the evening's events. The band is promoting its latest Mercury Records release, The Downward Road. Also performing will be fellow Torontonians 13 Engines; they'll likely be playing a number of tunes off their latest release, Perpetual Motion Machine. Opening the show will be local independent recording artists, Ditto.

Featuring the Pursuit of Happiness, 13 Engines and Ditto

The concert will take place at Lakeshore Catholic High School at 150 Janet St. in Port Colborne on Thursday, Dec. 2. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the high school between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. any day or at the door performance night. Tickets cost $15. Profit from the show will be used to help fund future student council activities.

Counselling Centre provides student assistance

By ANGELA KOTLARZ
Staff Writer

It's almost that time of the year again - not Christmas-time but the always dreaded exam time.

The good news is the Counselling Centre at Niagara College is there to academically assist students, by providing them with the tools they need to succeed in their studies.

"When we look at who comes in here for counselling, a number of students come in based on academic concerns," said Dave Rapelje, a counsellor in the counselling department.

There is an influx of students in the Counselling Centre after mid-terms, said Rapelje, because this is the time students get their marks back and then realize they're not doing so well.

The Counselling Centre then intervenes by doing an assessment to find out where they determine a student is lacking, he said.

"I don't personally consider any student to be lacking because marks aren't always representative of what's on paper," said Rapelje.

There are a variety of ways the Counselling Centre can assist students with their academics said Rapelje, "we look at different ways of intervention."

Pamphlets on topics including test anxiety, relaxation techniques, note-taking skills and essay-writing are all supplied by the Counselling Centre to students free of charge.

"We have a pretty extensive literature library of pamphlets and photo-copied materials and packages can be made for students to assist them in their studies," said Rapelje.

Often times the best method to assist a student, "is to simply provide them with a peer tutor," he said.

Pat Cicci, of the Peer Tutoring Services located on the second floor of the library, is responsible for assessing the needs of a student and then locating an appropriate tutor for that student, said Rapelje.

"It is then the tutor's responsibility, along with the student's, to work together for two to three hours a week, either to re-learn information the student is not grasping at first or to up-grade areas the student may be lacking in," he said.

Counselling Centre provides students with the tools to succeed

"When some students make the adjustment from high school to college they're not familiar with some of the academic policies that are in place," said Rapelje.

"Many students didn't have the responsibilities in high school they do in college and now there's a whole new social setting, so they sometimes have the concern of time management," he said.

In addition, many students are forced to have a part-time job, said Rapelje, "we encounter students who want to know how they can manage their part-time job, studies and a social life."

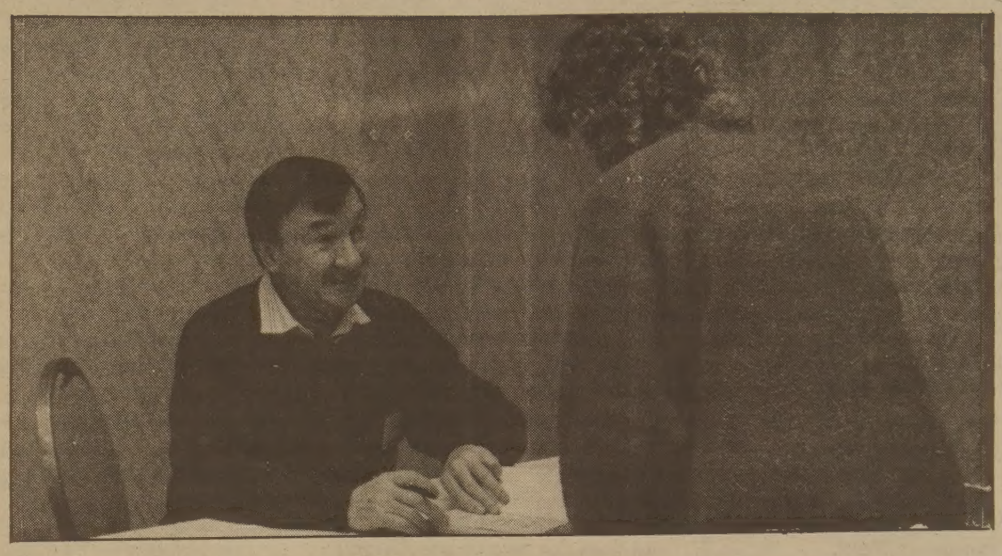
"Sometimes all it takes is talking to a student one on one and allowing them to see where their faults are," he said.

"Many times students don't have the ability to see where they're going wrong because they're so caught up in all the deadlines they have to meet, they lose sight of their trouble area and how they can change it," said Rapelje.

If students enroll in programs they aren't able to be academically successful in, based on their need for up-grading or more transitional time (to make the transition from high school to college) the Counselling Centre may then refer them to Brian Keppy of the College Essentials Program in S210D and those with physical handicaps may be referred to the Special Needs office.

Seminars are also available through the Peer Tutoring Service during exam time, addressing such concerns as how to study properly, how to relieve yourself of test anxiety as well as proper note-taking techniques. Times and dates have yet to be announced.

If you require further information about the academic services provided by the Counselling Centre in ME103, or have any inquiries, contact Dave Rapelje at Ext. 7771.



Drug awareness draws cartoonist

Cartoonist Ben Wicks signed autographs following his speech at the Parkway Inn on Nov. 15 about drug awareness. See story page 7.

Photo by Sally Bond

Students rolling up their sleeves to meet donor goal

By MONIKA QUECKENSTEDT
Staff Writer

Free pizza is on the menu for the blood donor clinic!

"Yes, we will be having free pizza," said Student Adminstrative Council (SAC) President Kristen Sorensen.

On Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Mackenzie building gym at Niagara College's Welland campus, SAC is sponsoring a blood donor clinic.

All donors should have a good breakfast or lunch before they donate blood, said Jan Potton, a Niagara College psychology instructor and Red Cross vice-president.

From 10 a.m. to noon the clinic is reserved for students in the Ambulance and Emergency and Law and Security Administration (LASA) programs. From noon to 3 p.m. the clinic is open to other donors.

"Our goal is 300 pints," said Potton. "If we reach that magic number the Red Cross will look at setting up extra beds and getting extra nurses for the clinic. We now have 12 beds."

Donors are registered outside the gym and asked to answer a questionnaire by Red Cross volunteers. Donors must have photo identification and bring their blood donor card if they have one.

First-time donors will receive a card in the mail indicating their blood type following the clinic.

"At this time, pizza is available," said Potton. "It is very important to have eaten before donating to make sure the blood sugar level is up so the donor won't be lightheaded or faint."

Donors are also asked to have a drink of juice to get body-fluid levels up, she said.

A registered nurse screens donors using the questionnaire.

Some conditions preventing someone from donating include: tattoos, flu, infectious mononucleosis, antibiotics, alcohol and pneumonia.

Donors must be between the ages of 17 to 60 and weigh at least 100 pounds (45 kg).

Once a donor passes the screening, blood type is determined and hemoglobin (iron) levels are checked.

The donor is given a confidential form to complete indicating whether the blood collected should be used, said the Canadian Red Cross Society newsletter for March 1993. This gives donors a final and private opportunity to indicate that their blood should not be used for transfusion purposes.

"The body has 12 pints of blood," said Potton. "Each donor will give one pint."

Donating takes 10 minutes followed by a rest period of five to 10 minutes. Donuts and juice are provided by SAC while tea and coffee are provided by Versa Foods, said Sorensen.

The blood is delivered to the Hamilton Branch of the Canadian Red Cross where it is tested for medications, HIV virus, and hepatitis. After testing, it is distributed to hospitals in the Hamilton, Haldimand-Norfolk and Niagara regions.

Each donor should set aside 60 minutes due to lineups, said Potton.

First-year LASA students promote, set up and dismantle the clinic.

St. Catharines campus senate meets needs of students

By SALLY BOND
Staff Writer

The St. Catharines Student Senate is working to meet the needs of the students it represents.

The senate, governing Niagara College's Welland Vale and Cushman Road campuses, is led by president Paul Grummett, a student in the college's welding program.

Dominic Trimboli, a college counsellor and staff adviser for the group, says the senate's main goal is to "give a little of their time to improve student life."

Through the efforts of senate executives and student representatives, the group has organized annual cash awards for graduates as well as assisting students with parking fees, providing emergency funding, and arranging student activities.

The senate is preparing for the 17th annual children's Christmas party to be held Dec. 12 at the Welland Vale campus from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for students, staff and their families.

For $1, each child receives a gift from Santa, along with entertainment, and food and beverages. All excess costs will be absorbed by the senate.

Trimboli said he encourages all students to discuss with senate executives their "concerns, ideas or suggestions . . . to improve life at the centre."

After all, the senate can't address problems if they don't know they exist, he said.

EDITORIAL PAGE

Is NAFTA good for Canada?

It's official.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the North American free trade agreement (NAFTA) on Wednesday, pushing the concept of a continental trading zone one step further. The deal passed with votes to spare in a 234-200 decision.

Despite President Bill Clinton's cheery speech following the vote, we must bear in mind that Canada is involved in one too many free trade deals involving our neighbours to the south already. Let's not make the same mistake twice.

Although NAFTA opens the doors to a new economic structure, it also clears the way for further job losses, a part of the deal that Canada's malnurished economy can do without.

Throughout the votes, signings and speeches regarding NAFTA, our southern friends have very specific interests on their minds— their own. The U.S. and Mexico, like any level-headed countries, don't really give a hoot how this deal is for Canada. This was displayed when Clinton announced that the deal wouldn't be renegotiated after recently-elected Prime Minister Jean Chretien expressed concerns about it.

We must concentrate on eliminating our soaring deficit to entice the private sector to invest in our needy economy rather than sign unnecessary trade agreements to make it look like we're an important country.

Canada will gain the respect and importance of a first-class country providing we clean up our third-world economy. A free trade deal throughout North America may be good some day, but not right now. Once we are on stable economic ground we can sign all the deals we choose to.

When you hear all the rhetoric and jargon telling us what a wonderful deal NAFTA is, just remember that we have homeless, starving people who would beg to differ.

John Bell

Devious crimes spark rumors

A horrific crime has taken place in our midst. The savage murder of two beautiful young girls. Kristen French and Leslie Mahaffy. A crime containing circumstances so vile that it is unspeakable.

So why are we always gossiping about it?

What do we really know, and who did we hear it from?

Rumormongers dispense 'confidential' information that goes far beyond a healthy curiosity about the details of this monstrous murder case.

To date, only a select number of the press are privy to what the rest of us can only guess; that the only reason Karla Homolka was offered a plea-bargain allowing a sentence as light as 12 years, must be that her evidence is crucial to the case against her estranged husband.

Our morbid curiosity may be satisfied with second-hand information received from the airing of A Current Affair, but do we as Canadians belong in the gutter?

We all know better than that.

We must conclude what news editors already know. Anything that compromises Karla Homolka's testimony will also compromise the prosecution's case.

Our community will take a long time to heal over the events surrounding this case, we are immersed in it.

Our silence and respect toward Kristen, Leslie and their families will do more in the long run to ensure that justice is done.

The public's interest in seeing justice be done should be a greater curiosity than the testimony of Karla Homolka.

Peggy Tedder

Fact-checking a must for reporters

Dear Editor:

I was very pleased to read the editorial by Monika Queckenstedt (Oct. 8, 1993, pg. 4) regarding the possibility of the press to "...find the truth, be objective, and inform the public honestly."

I then found it ironic that on the opposite page, an article written by Gregory Kelly (Oct. 8, 1993, pg. 5) appeared to disregard this basic responsibility.

Mr. Kelly is concerned, and rightly so, that the salaries of the rescue teams are being paid for by the taxpayer. If Mr. Kelly had done his homework he would have found out that the Niagara Parks Commission operates at arms-length with the provincial government, that is, although the province owns the NPC property, it has not and does not receive any funding from the public purse. All revenues generated by the NPC from its operations are reinvested into the park so as to be a self-supporting operation.

Because of this, all rescue operations carried out within the NPC are administered by their own police force which also receives no public monies. At any time that the Niagara Parks Police require external rescue support, it is requested by them to an outside agency; however, the NPC is then billed for these services.

For years, the NPC has utilized the services of private professional rescuers also known as "river men". The famous Hill family, who still reside in Niagara, continue to carry on the tradition of being involved in rescues and are paid fees directly from the NPC for services rendered.

Although I do not necessarily condone the actions of Dave Munday, it should have been reported that these ventures of his are operated very professionally by him. On each occasion that he has dared to "Ride Niagara", he has always paid his own way. He has his own professional rescue crew. He also has the cheque for the payment of fines made available to the authorities BEFORE he attempts another river challenge.

. . . He supplies his own team of rescuers. If the NPC were so concerned about the welfare of their employees, they should be concerned more with acts of stupidity by people who don't think when *they hike through the Niagara Glen* and then get into trouble than someone like Munday who prepares well in advance and knows exactly what he is doing.

Munday, I say, "Ride Niagara !", and to Kelly, I say, do your homework.

J. Mark Robinson
Electronics Engineering
Technology student

Co-op's positive aspects outlined

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the article "United Way in Good Hands" (Niagara News, Oct. 8, 1993). I feel that some readers may have received the wrong impression about co-op and the co-op department after reading that article.

I am concerned the article presented one side of the story — the negative. Positive aspects to my co-op placement that were discussed, but not mentioned in the article, are that I am enjoying my job at United Way and that it's great work experience.

There are a few quotes from the article that I would like to elaborate on. The quote "managing volunteers and trying to manage employees are two different things" may have disillusioned some readers. The message that I was trying to convey was that sometimes different approaches must be used when trying to work with these two groups of people.

I would like to confirm I do believe students who use the services provided by the co-op department should pay the full fee. However, those students who get a job on their own and do not use any of the department's services should not have to pay this fee. In my case, I got the job at the United Way through the co-op services, so I have no problem paying the full fee.

Although there are some concerns about the current set-up of the co-op program at Niagara College, I believe future co-op students should be aware co-op is an excellent opportunity for them to gain work experience in their field of study, contrary to popular belief. With a new co-op manager at the college now, perhaps we, as students, can work together with the co-op department in making positive changes in the co-op program.

Sincerely,
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PERSPECTIVES

Learn about ourselves through our kids

By DONNA DOLYNSKY
Staff Writer

Parenting is one of the richest resources of education available to mankind.

In returning to school nearly three years ago, I ventured into subjects like psychology, sociology, French level 1, various English classes, criminal law, and presently challenging the Journalism-Print program, but nothing opens my eyes like child rearing.

On Sunday, our two sons, my husband (Bill) and myself gathered around the television to watch Backdraft. The movie portrays some personal difficulties of two firefighter brothers who lost their father in a fire many years before.

Our two sons, five-year-old Aaron, and four-year-old David are estatic about firefighters, police and life-rescue stories, like many young children. They show a condensed interest in methods and problem-solving techniques.

Toward the end of the story, Aaron, carrying on with his mega-million questions, suddenly became silent, when in the story, the outcome of one of the emergency calls resulted in the death of one brother. When the other brother, Brian, returned to the fire station to go through his brother's locker, he took hold of his dead brother's helmet. An alarm rang for another fire call, Brian flipped his brother's helmet onto his own head and hopped onto the pumper truck.

Aaron caught on to this sentimental scene and whispered for me to take him to bed because he felt "very sad."

It took about a minute for me to finish up my cup of tea, he buried his face into a pillow on the floor and started bawling out loud. He was so choked up he couldn't even talk about the story with Bill or myself. He finally got his wind and curled up behind my left arm, slipping out of sight from Bill. I asked Aaron if he was OK and what was it that upset him so. He found it to be heartbreaking for Brian to report to duty without his brother and he was overwhelmed by the fact Brian reported to the call wearing his brother's helmet.

Aaron turned to me with his wet face and asked me to "kiss Dad goodnight" for him, then buried his face in my shoulder. It then occurred to me that he did not want his dad to see him crying.

Is suppressing emotions a natural instinct for the male population, or is it a learned behavior?

It is times like these that stop us in our tracks to reflect upon our own behaviors as parents, and examples we set for our children.

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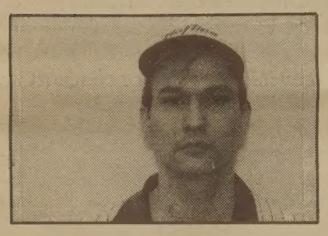


By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

It's been beaten to death but I'll beat it some more.

Niagara College students are not taking part in extra-curricular activities enough.

I don't know the cause of this problem but I would like to.

I'm not a student basher. I know there are reasons behind the lack of school spirit but I want some answers because money is at stake.

For those of you who don't know what I mean, let me start by letting students in on a big secret—Niagara College has varsity sports teams.

'Where's your fans?'

On Saturday night I was at the Niagara Knights hockey game and I overheard a Seneca College student bellow "Where are your fans?" to an embarrassed Niagara student.

About 60 fans, mostly from Seneca College, attended the game at the 2,300-seat capacity Welland Arena. The arena looked barren and devoid of life as it has done for the last three games I have covered for the college newspaper. I feel sorry for the hockey players who are used to playing in front of hundreds of fans in high school or Junior B hockey.

The team is good this year and the quality of hockey is excellent. Most team members were either top Junior B players or high school all-stars, says Chris Bradnam, a defenceman on the hockey team.

Leann McHutchion, the Niagara News basketball reporter, says while she was at the Niagara men's invitational basketball tournament on Oct. 29-30, there were about 100 people at the games. A lot of them were there to cover the games for school media, she said.

Athletic director Peter Rylander says it costs the college over $100,000 to run the athletic department. The money is spent on coaches, uniforms, travel, meals, entry fees and referees, he says.

Given student apathy towards varsity sports I think college administration and the Student Administrative Council could think of more creative ways to spend the $100,000.

After all, there is a $2.2 million deficit at the college.

'Tis the season'

By ELAINE DOOLITTLE
Staff Writer

It's hard to believe but there are 24 shopping days left before Christmas.

It's time to start shopping, to spend your hard earned money, to get together with family and friends.

'Tis the season to be jolly.

Is it? When everyone groans and wishes it wouldn't come so soon? A few days ago, while in a shopping mall waiting for a friend, I overheard a couple talking about shopping for their children. The mother did not want to buy anything for them. She turned to the father and said she wished Christmas would never come because they couldn't afford to spend the money. If they did they wouldn't be able to afford their bills. I understand how she feels.

I often wonder how many of us feel the way this woman did. Christmas shopping is hard on bank accounts. I know because my account is not set up for unplanned shopping. I, too, wonder how I will get by.

I never liked shopping for gifts either, but now that I have a three-year-old boy I enjoy shopping. If I come away with one special gift for him, I know it was worth the time and effort.

Christmas is a special time for children, and it can also be for adults. Getting together with friends and family is something we look forward to doing. This is the time to eat, drink and be merry. If this doesn't happen for you then it may be time to start changing your Christmas plans and do something different. Perhaps spend a nice, quiet Christmas cuddled up under a warm blanket and watching It's A Wonderful Life.

Study says Niagara College could receive funds

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

A feasibility study done by Gordon Goldie Co. Ltd., Toronto says Niagara College could receive $6 million over five years for the College's master plan.

The feasibility study was sponsored by the Niagara College Foundation.

Larry Naftulin, vice-chairman and CEO of the foundation, gave an update on foundation activities at last month's College Council meeting.

A campaign to raise $6 million is in its early stages, said Naftulin. "It's being planned right now. We're recruiting volunteers and we have some very high-powered people as co-chairs in our steering committee.

"The capital campaign is to raise funds that will be added to the amount given us by the (provincial) ministry, the sum total of which would be sufficient to go ahead with the master plan. We can't do anything formally until we have word from the ministry about a capital grant," he said in a later interview.

Other recent foundation activities included an alumni homecoming and an alumni phone-a-thon. The phone-a-thon raised $6,000 for the college.

In January, a student discount plan will begin and Niagara College students will receive 10 per cent discounts from 66 businesses in the region.

Naftulin, who has been with the foundation since February 1992, explained the workings of the foundation to college council.

"It's an independent body separately incorporated from the college with its own Board of Directors. It acts as the fund-raising arm of the college, helping to plug financial gaps and contributing to the college's master plan for expansion and consolidation."

He said the alumni fee of $25 that each student pays at the beginning of each school year is poorly named. He said it's really a fund-raising fee that helps the foundation operate.

Naftulin said the money received by students' alumni fees will be returned to the college many times over, once the sources of funding are tapped. The sources include alumni, the community and the corporate community.

Learning English 'as fast as they can'

By LORI DUCK
Staff Writer

Students from several countries are here at Niagara College learning English as a Second Language.

There are 39 ESL students: 21 from Japan, seven from Korea, five from Taiwan, two from Brazil and one each from Libya, France and Chile.

The students spend 25 hours each week working on reading, writing, academic skills, oral communication, grammar, language lab and cultural adaptation.

The students are here on student visas. Some of them will go on to study in other programs, while others will return home. They are here to learn English "as fast as they can," says Susan Vandenboom, ESL program co-ordinator. "They really work hard."

'Too much homework sometimes.' Jin Man Cho

Most of the students say they like their classes in the ESL program.

Yagubi Abdel, from Libya, says he wants more conversation with the other students. He says he would also like to try to speak to other college students, but "Canadians are shy."

"Everything is very good, but too much homework sometimes," says Jin Man Cho, from Korea. He says he doesn't like paying taxes.

Royoko Kondo says she enjoys Welland. "I like it. I like the scenery, it's clean." she says. "The transportation isn't very good." Abdel says he likes Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Tom Kim, from Korea, says he "likes the Blue Jays."

Kaori Sugimitsu finds studying in Welland easier than in her native Japan.

'I like the scenery.' Royoko Kondo

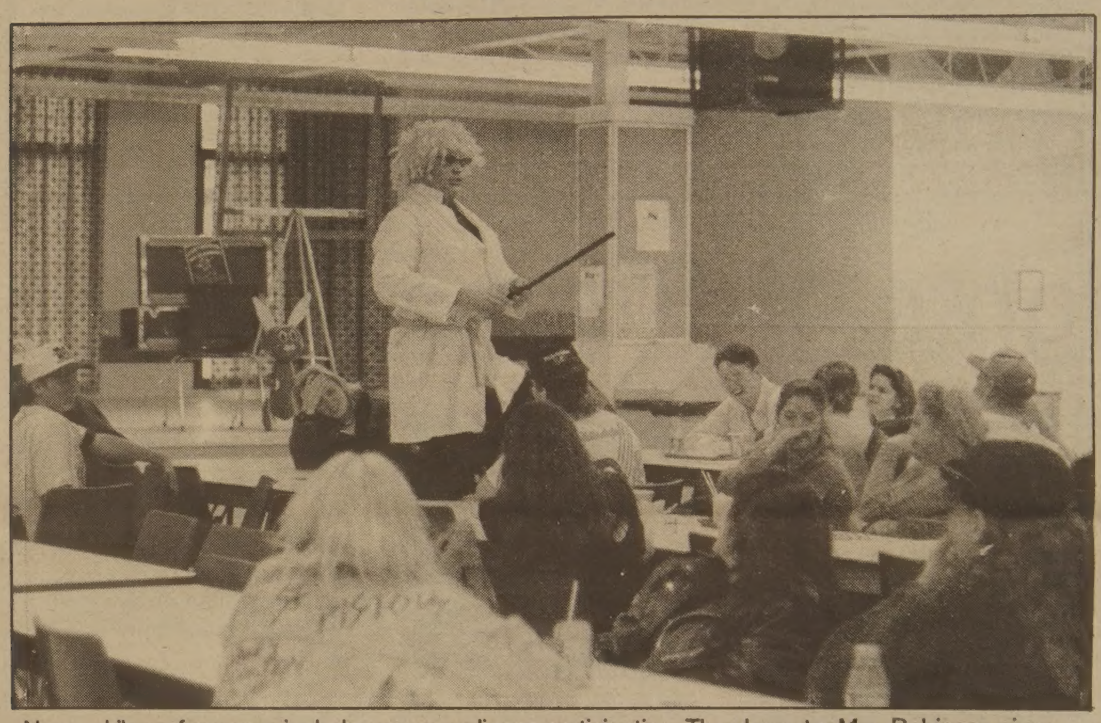
Most of the students don't like television commercials, but Miho Nakajima, of Japan, says commercials are interesting. Another complaint about Welland is that there is nothing to do, but go to the Seaway Mall, says Nakajima.

Mariko Maeda, also from Japan, says she is learning a lot and has to study all the time. Maeda says she is only here for a short time and "must learn a lot."

The students have visited Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Elora and London in Ontario, as well as Vancouver, B.C. and Nova Scotia.

Most of them would like to go to Victoria, Quebec City, Prince Edward Island (in the summer) and they want to see the Northern Lights.

Relationship play hits home



Nawrocki's performance includes some audience participation. The character Mrs. Robinson gives instruction regarding the female anatomy. Photo by Peggy Tedder

By PEGGY TEDDER
Staff Writer

There was laughter and tears at a lunchtime gathering in the Black Walnut cafeteria.

"I Don't Understand Women" performed and written by Vancouver native Norman Nawrocki, applied sexual politics to seduce a Niagara College audience on Nov. 5.

In the fast-paced 50-minute show, Nawrocki assumes various characters, tutoring audiences on how to avoid "the relationship from hell," Mrs. Robinson (an outspoken sex therapist), the world's greatest Slavonic lover and assorted other creations.

In a newscast, he spoke about martial law against men where hordes of women took matters into their own hands. "Men with penises shorter than twelve inches are being forced to have them enlarged," he said.

Mrs. Robinson gives a lecture in Clit 101 - a how-to exercise, where Nawrocki goes into the audience and selects a male to participate in the demonstration.

Commercials throughout the play feature revolutionary men's products such as a set of ear extenders and humanizing glasses to help the wearer see the whole person.

While the language was often explicit to emphasize the point he was trying to make, it didn't detract from the play. The material (all original) was accumulated from interviews with hundreds of men and women and took about six months to refine.

A split monologue describing a near rape incident from the man and women's perspective, brought a lump to the throat and a tear to the eye.

"He sure got everyone's attention, it made you listen, and it sure made you think," said Jeremy Lowe, student administrative council vice-president, social.

At the end of the performance, Nawrocki pulls up a chair and addresses his audience. Nawrocki said he created the show with the purpose of talking to other guys about things that guys don't usually discuss, in the hopes that people will continue to talk about the issues with both their male and female friends.

The show is based on everyday news that doesn't make the news, like date rape, but the show is 95 per cent a comedy," said Nawrocki. "It doesn't hit men in the face or try to paralyze them with guilt."

Volunteer conversationalists needed for foreign students

By LORI DUCK
Staff Writer

English as a Second Language (ESL) needs conversation partners for international students.

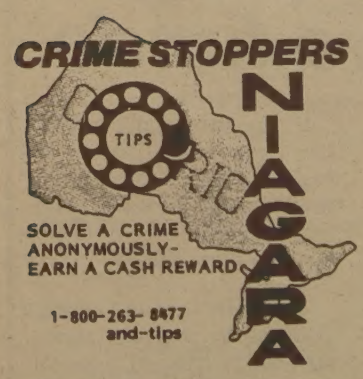
The students meet for an hour weekly, usually at the college. Sometimes the students might go to the Seaway Mall or bowling.

"Both students will get something out of this," says Susan Vandenboom, the ESL program co-ordinator. The international student meets a Canadian student and learns about Canada while having a chance to practice English. "They can build a relationship and get another friend," says Vandenboom.

The Canadian student gets to know an international student and the customs and cultures of that particular country.

The ESL program has 20 volunteers, but needs 15 more. If you are interested, contact Susan Vandenboom at 735-2211 Ext. 7507, Judy Ventresca at Ext. 7738 or visit Portable 2 behind Hennipen Hall, Welland campus.

Bandit with knife robs gas bar



During a recent Fort Erie robbery, a knife-wielding thug netted a small amount of cash and 12 packages of cigarettes.

Shortly after 2 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, 1993, a young man entered the kiosk at the Sunoco Gas Bar, 11 Thyret Rd., Fort Erie. He flashed a knife at the attendant and demanded money and cigarettes. The clerk wisely complied and the bandit gathered up the items and fled on foot, heading north on Thyret Road.

The suspect is in his late teens, white, 5 ft. 6 in., 130 lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes. He was wearing a red and white lumber jacket, dark colored pants, a dark baseball cap and black leather gloves. He had a red and white checkered scarf over his face to help conceal his identity.

Armed robbery is a very serious crime.

If you have any information regarding this armed robbery or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477 (1-800-AND-TIPS) to be eligible for a cash reward up to $1,000. In all cases, you will not have to reveal your identity.

The Niagara Regional Police in co-operation with Crime Stoppers Niagara, Inc. writes this column to help combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax-deductible donations. Cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers Niagara, Inc., P.O. Box 1086, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 7A3.

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Young People's Theatre honors women in war

By MONIKA QUECKENSTEDT
Staff Writer

The wood-panelled bar is seated to capacity with history.

Glasses and brown bottles of yellow beer litter the tables while grey tails of smoke from abandoned cigarettes in ashtrays curl to the ceiling mingling into one pungent scent.

The buzz of conversation lingers in the air at the Royal Canadian Legion on Morningstar Avenue in Welland on Remembrance Day.

Most of the men, and some of the women, wear dark uniforms decorated with colorful medals like small rainbows. The blood-red poppies they wear show respect for the soldiers of yesterday who fought for peace.

Silence consumes the bar. The untitled play by the Young People's Theatre Co., an amateur group, is about to begin.

Lights are dimmed. The stage is the centre of attention.

A spotlight reveals a young man with fair skin and dark hair wearing a blue and white sweater sitting in a chair to the far left. He narrates the history and roles of women in war.

A procession makes its way to Memorial Park cenotaph in downtown St. Catharines to honor Canadians who paid the supreme sacrifice defending their country in wars past.
Photo by Greg Furminger

He begins with the War of 1812 and the courage of Laura Secord as she travels on foot to warn the British soldiers of the Americans' plans.

Each character dressed for her era, reveals thoughts and feelings of love, hope, frustration, pain and anger.

The First and Second World Wars speak of nurses tending to the wounded and the women at home "taking over the factories" to keep the economy alive. Veterans nod their heads as they remember.

The horrors of Vietnam are told by a nurse with disbelief and a desire for peace to end the nightmare.

Between scenes, slides show the devastation that weapons, fear and uncertainty have on the soldiers; their eyes are distant and vacant of emotion.

Tears glisten in the veterans' eyes.

The role of women in war evolves. As soldiers in Desert Storm they understand what men must feel when called to fight.

The stage darkens.

One by one, each character lights and dedicates her candle to the valor of men and women who fought for peace.

The performance ends with two standing ovations from the 150 people attending. "It was excellent," said an unidentified woman veteran.

The acting group, ages 16 to 18, under the direction of Irene Knight, researched and wrote the play giving an accurate portrayal of women in war "lest we forget".

Care Canada spreads message of hope for Africa

By DANIELLE MEVILLE
Staff Writer

Care Canada funds projects throughout the world, but on Nov. 5, an official from the agency visited Niagara College.

In "an effort to get our students thinking about problems other than their own," David Winters, co-ordinator of the Interior Design program at Niagara, brought Jack Houghton to the school for a presentation.

Houghton, a gradute of Ontario College of Art graduate, spent 20 years operating his own design firm. After working with a brokerage firm, Houghton turned to Care Canada and their relief and development work.

The college presentation, which was originally scheduled for the Hamilton Room, was held in the interior design studio because of technical difficulties.

In an effort to aid Third World countries, Care Canada works in conjunction with citizens and villagers and teaches them self-sufficiency and the knowledge to function on their own.

The first presentation was an audio and slide show featuring some of the work that Care Canada has done in Camaroon, South Africa.

The work was a photographic essay of not only the project itself, but of the country and the people of Camaroon.

Many villages received assistance from the Northern Wells Project that Care Canada overtook in Camaroon. Beginning in 1984, Care Canada set up primary health care training throughout the country. The training allowed the communities to build their own clinics and administer proper health care themselves. Health care has been established in 40 villages.

Another presentation was on Nicaragua in Central America. This project brought clean water to the communities and for the first time, to individual homes. Care Canada also taught the people how to plant fruit and vegetables according to the terrain and proper farming techniques. The program trains the farmers how to teach others what they have learned and how to spread their knowledge across the country in an effort to improve agriculture in a widespread manner.

Cheryl Mabee, 35, an interior design student enjoyed the presentation.

"I thought it was very good. It was a wonderful presentation. He got his point across. You can go beyond design or the field that you're in and branch out to something else later on in life," said Mabee.

Wicks kicks off Drug Awareness Week

By SALLY BOND
Staff Writer

Ben Wicks and addiction awareness were served up at the kick-off breakfast for Drug Awareness Week.

More than 100 concerned citizens attended the function held at the Parkway Inn in St. Catharines on Monday, Nov. 15.

Wicks, a syndicated cartoonist and author of 17 books, began his speech by telling the audience that "we have probably produced...some of the finest kids" in the world, stressing that participants during the week must not promote the idea that children are all delinquents.

Wicks then spoke of the "tremendous need" he felt existed for his book *My Kid On Drugs? Never!* which is aimed at helping parents deal with the problem of children and drugs.

The book, had a first printing of 500,000, details some of the signs that may indicate if children are involved with drugs and ways in which parents can intervene and overcome this problem.

It is important to rememeber, said Wicks, that the problems faced by today's teenager are nothing like the problems of yesterday and therefore require new patience and understanding.

Gary Zalot, executive director for the Niagara District Health Council, told the audience that "things have changed dramatically" since he first became involved with the problem of drug addiciton in 1978.

Through a partnership between local community leaders and the health services, drug awareness in Niagara is "growing slowly but powerfully," he said.

Norma Medulun, chairperson for Drug Awareness Week, said planning for the event began in August in part through the efforts of six core committee members.

Attendance for the kick-off breakfast "quadrupled" compared to last year's turnout, she said, mostly because of the time of the day, the activities, and the promotional campaign.

Events scheduled for Drug Awarness Week included an open house at the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centre in St. Catharines on Nov. 17.

An Alchol-Free Drug Awarness Dinner Dance is being held tonight at the Grantham Lions Hall on 732 Niagara St. in St. Catharines from 7 p.m until 12 a.m. All those interested in attending should contact Bill Craine at 685-1571.

An Adolescent Drug Use Workshop has been scheduled for Dec. 3 at the Niagara Regional Headquarters on St. David's Road in St. Catharines.

Registration costs $20 and includes classes in adolescent development, treatment options, and motivational counselling. For more information contact Heather Chalmers at 685-1361.

Santa SAC

Leanne Newton, Student Administrative Council vice president external (left), presents a $250 cheque to Stella Blanchard, purchasing assistant for Community Christmas Toys. The donation is to aid the organization which hopes to provide needy children in Welland and surrounding areas with Christmas gifts.
Photo by Greg Furminger

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Discover College Day 'very successful'

By JOHN BELL
Staff Writer

More than 2,000 visitors attended Discover College Day at Niagara College last Monday.

The event featured displays from Niagara College programs and 15 other colleges in the gym, Mackenzie Building at the Welland Campus. The show lasted from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"It is a very effective way to present ourselves," said Niagara College President John Saso. "I think we always present ourselves well when we do things like this."

Monday's presentation was part of the College Information Program (CIP), a joint effort between Ontario colleges to provide information about themselves to the public. Niagara College decided to integrate the CIP with its Explore Niagara Day.

"This is a new event in this format," said Lyn Russo, the college's director of marketing and communications.

"This kills two birds with one stone— we can do all our organizing for one event," said Randy Conlon, the college's media and liaison officer.

The CIP, now in its final week, lasts eight weeks and travels throughout Ontario "to every corner of the province" and goes to Thunder Bay, Ottawa, Windsor and "everywhere in between," said Conlon.

During the day, Niagara College used the south end of the gym to display tables for specific programs and areas of interest, while the south end was used to house display tables from the other 15 colleges, including Humber, Sheridan, Mohawk and Fanshawe. Students from the Niagara College's Human Relations program conducted campus tours.

Many of the representatives from the other colleges were impressed with Niagara's format and turnout.

"It's really busy," said Mark Sherry, a representative from Canadore College in North Bay. "We've had about 300 students."

"There's an excellent turnout," said Rob Cameron, a manager from Georgian College in Barrie. "It's very well organized and well done. They really did a good job."

Cameron said about 450 visitors accessed information on Georgian College.

About 2,200 visitors were at the Discover College Day, said Conlon.

"There's approximately 2,000 secondary school students, and about 2,200 visitors in total," he said.

Russo said "between 55 and 60" bus loads of students arrived at the college.

"We have buses arriving every hour, on the hour," she said.

The last buses arrived at 12:45 p.m.

In the gym, visitors were given Niagara College shopping bags filled with information on the college and various coupons, while local high school counsellors who organized their schools' trips to the event could overlook the activities while sipping coffee in the weight room above.

Throughout the day many students said they were impressed with Niagara College's set-up for the event.

"It's great," said Mario Martinez, 19, a Grade 13 student from St. Catharines. "They let you know what's going on. There's some really great colleges here."

Phon Vongphakdy, a 16-year-old student from Lakeport Secondary School in St. Catharines, described the Discover College Day as "pretty good."

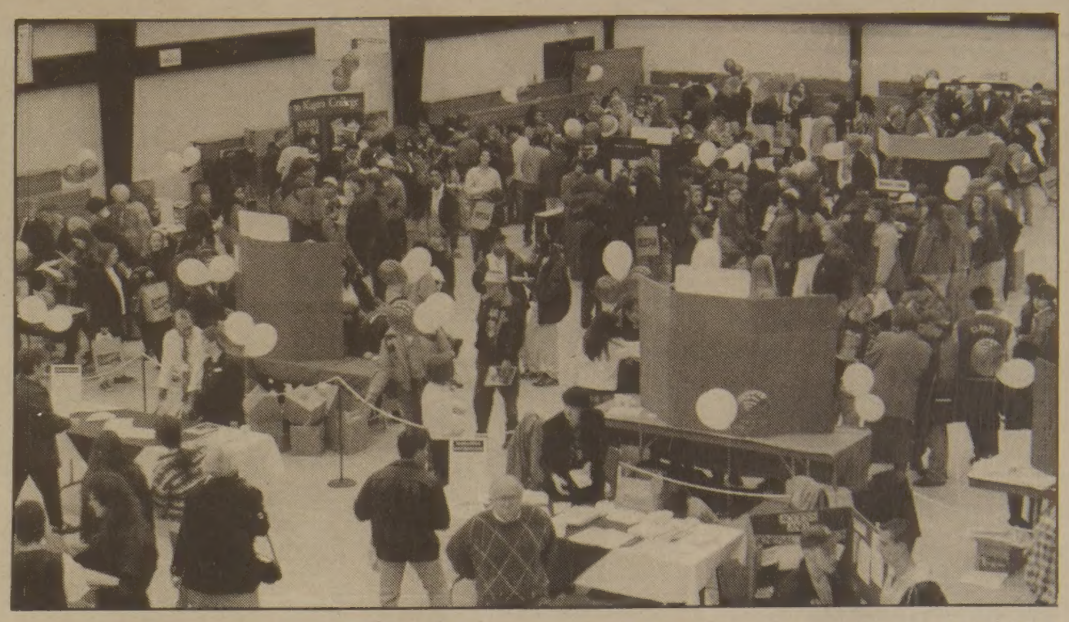
"I might be interested in a business program here. (at Niagara College)" she said.

After the day's events at the Welland campus, the various colleges moved to the Niagara College Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls. The colleges set up in the main foyer, and representatives from the centre were in the library from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"It was absolutely packed... very successful," said Russo. "A lot of people who came (Monday night) spoke to liaison officers for three-quarters to an hour with a list of questions prepared. It was very intense."

Conlon said the event was a success because of the efforts of the seven-member Marketing and Communications staff.

"This wouldn't have been possible without the help of the whole marketing department," he said. "We all put a hell of a lot of work into it."



Over 2000 students came to Discover College Day to obtain information on colleges throughout Ontario.

Photo by Tom Brank

Niagara College representatives assist visiting students. From left: Randy Conlon, media and liaison officer; Lyn Russo, director of Marketing and Communications; and Lise Milenkoff, publicity liaison officer.

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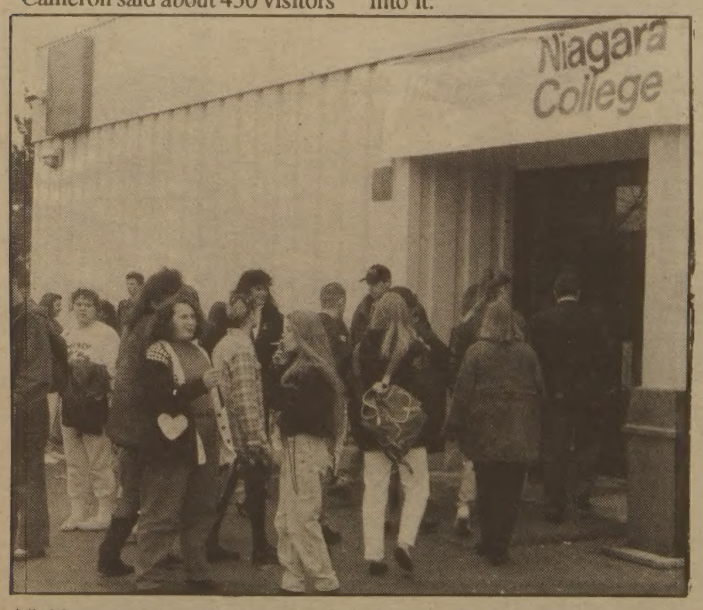

Visiting students file into the Mackenzie Building for information on many colleges.

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A liaison officer from Sault College in Sault Ste. Marie provides information to visiting high school students. Sault College was one of 15 colleges to set up information booths.

Photo by Tom Brank

Three 'Blind Mice' hear how they play

By CHRIS RUSSO
Staff Writer

The Blind Mice entertained a packed audience in After Hours this past Monday.

The show coincided with the Discover College Day which imported hundreds of students to the college for the day. Many of the people in the pub were visitors to the school, soaking up the college atmosphere.

The three-member band, all from the Niagara Region, met each other playing in different bands and doing sessional work for local studios.

Band members include guitarist Neil Morrissey, 20, bassist Mark Sim, 21, and drummer Matt Keighan, 21.

Morrissey attends Brock University, Sims is enrolled in Niagara College's Business Administration Marketing program while Keighan is a full-time musician and plays with another band, Sandi Vince and the Midnights, as well.

Although loud, the band did a good job performing cover tunes from bands such as The Tragically Hip, The Black Crowes, The Steve Miller Band and Jimi Hendrix.

Morrissey sang the vocals for Hey Joe and performed the guitar solo behind his head, an act immortalized by Hendrix.

"I think they need another guitarist," said Chris Sutherland, 19, a Retail Management program student. "Three guys aren't enough. All the sound wasn't there."

Student Administrative Council President Kristen Sorensen took a break from her day to enjoy the show. "I think they're terrific, and I'm glad to see everyone's enjoying themselves," she said.

This was the first show the band has performed at the college and said they would "love to come back and rock Niagara again. We really appreciate everybody coming out to see us."

The Blind Mice jam at the After Hours pub on Monday, Nov. 15. Band members include (left to right) guitarist Neil Morrissey, 20, drummer Matt Keighan, 21, and bassist Mark Sim, 21. About 300 students came to watch the show.

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Law and Security Administration program students (left to right) Ruby Beiche, 23, and Sylvia Szymanska, 18, keep the traffic flowing at Discover College Day Nov. 15.

Photo by Tom Brank

LASA shows visitors right direction

By TOM BRANK
Staff Writer

Discover College Day ran smoothly with the help of Law and Security Administration students.

About 50-60 volunteer LASA students directed traffic, monitored parking lots, and organized campus tours for thousands of students who arrived at Niagara College to get information on colleges throughout Ontario.

The staff of first and second-year LASA students, supervised by senior LASA students, were given one-hour shifts at various locations across campus.

The day was a good opportunity for LASA students to learn communication skills, as well as safety, said Heather Hodgson, Law and Security Administration co-ordinator.

Neil McGregor, director of community studies at Niagara College said the college relies on volunteers to keep the day "running smoothly."

"In terms of enforcement, as well as learning how to handle the public it is important that the law and security students do it," said McGregor.

It fits in nicely to the type of work that LASA students do in their program, he said.

Order in the Court!

The Niagara Knights Men's basketball team polish their skills before their first regular season games. The Knights reigned victorious over Lambton College in Sarnia Nov. 12 with a score of 71-65, but were defeated 74-68 by St. Clair College in Windsor the next day. The Knights play their first home game Dec. 3 against Lambton at the Welland campus.

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Morrissey's touring days are over

By NOREEN BOND
Staff Writer

Stephen is so fine.

Stephen Patrick Morrissey has come a long way from his days with The Smiths. He has wooed audiences for years with his wonderful vocal talents. Morrissey will tour early next year making this his last. He plans to go out with a bang!

Morrissey, who remains celebate, continues to keep his fans happy. Some obsessive fans try to imitate him. They dress and do their hair like him. Morrissey is known for his great hair.

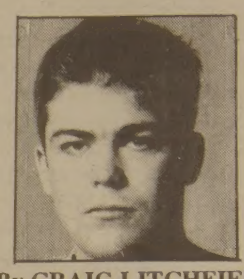
When he enters a concert, the crowd shouts "MORRISSEY," about three times. Some fans jump on stage and dance while others throw flowers to honor him. Morrissey loves flowers, so if you attend a concert, be sure to bring him a few.

Some well-known songs of his are "Suedehead," "Tomorrow," "Ouija Board, Ouija Board," and "Glamourous Glue." Past CDs include "Bona Drag," and the most recent is "Your Arsenal." Morrissey has inspired many alternative artists and gathered many devoted fans.

'Morrissey's come a long way'

If you like the alternative wave, then you'll probably like Morrissey. Pick up some of his CDs, "Bona Drag," is one of his best. Or if you're fortunate enough to see him in concert, don't forget the flowers. If you get the chance to meet him, mention James Dean, Morrissey idolizes him.

SeinLanguage stale



By CRAIG LITCHFIELD
Staff Writer

There's no easy way to break off any relationship. It's like the mozzarella cheese on a good slice of pizza. No matter how far you pull the slice away from your mouth it just gets thinner and longer but never snaps. Of course you could always just eat your pizza with a knife and fork, but I think this is what is clearly known as "pushing the cheese analogy." —Jerry Seinfeld from his book *SeinLanguage*.

Jerry Seinfeld is not what you would call an intellectual comedian. Leave all the obtus vocabulary to Dennis Miller. Seinfeld prefers to take everyday situations and twists them to appear ridiculously funny.

He fails to do this in his first book *SeinLanguage*, published by Bantam Books. Seinfeld, who is one of the best stand-up comedians of our time, does not translate his schtik well on to paper. The words desperately need Seinfeld's signature voice fluctuations and mannerisms to be funny. The material, a collection of anecdotes and quips saved since his early teen years, is embarrassingly weak in spots and would never have been deemed publishable had it been written by anyone besides T.V.'s hottest comic.

Seinfeld does manage to run the gamut of topics in this short novelette, espousing his inane theories on such subjects as professional wrestling and handicap parking spaces, a favorite subject of his T.V. show as well. There are some funny moments, but not nearly enough to keep a reader interested.

I guess one of the main reasons I found myself slightly insulted by this book was the price tag. The book, which is a whole 180 pages of large print, costs nearly $30 Canadian for the hardcover version(the only version available.)

Seinfeld has one of the most watched shows on T.V., he is on Letterman and Leno whenever he wants, and has millions of fans worldwide. There is no need for this book.

Keep your eyes open for 'Blunt Trauma'

By TODD L'ECUYER
Staff Writer

Hamilton is a city known for its cold appearance, steel factories, one-way streets and in the near future Crimson Jimson.

Blunt trauma, is like a hammer across the skull, it's the act and the aftermath. Blunt Trauma is also the latest release from the Hamilton- based band, Crimson Jimson.

The second release for the band pushes on past the boundries of their first independent release, Freak. Although Freak is good, it's nothing compared to Blunt Trauma. This is certainly not for the faint of heart, it's heavy with a grind that is sure to stimulate the aggresive bones.

There are no ballads here. You can really hear the influence of the bands steel city environment. A tasteful amount of distortion on the vocals create a sharp edge that cuts through the pounding solid rythms and chugging guitars.

The CD or cassette has recently become available in a number of local record stores, I would advise the curious to check it out. This is surely an act to see live. They make their way around the Niagara Region on occasion. If you're interested in seeing them sooner, check out what's happening in Hamilton at the local clubs.

Keep your eyes open for a video release off Blunt Trauma, Much Music should have it on the Power 30 soon.

Crimson Jimson will be playing in St. Catharines with a number of bands that include Boris is Back, Buttermilk Five, Beautiful Murder, Acid Mud Flower and Revenge of the Egg People. The Show will be sponsored by 97.7 HITZ FM as an independent showcase. Called Chuk and Die's Ballrcom Dance Contest, the show will take place at the Merritton Comunity Centre in St. Catharines. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are $10 in advance and can be purchased at Blue Moon, 385 St. Paul St. in St Catharines or Wierdorama, 4410 Queen St., Niagara Falls. Keep your ears tuned to 97.7 for more details.

Crimson Jimson are here for now, although I do foresee a future of promise. I'd recommend you see them now.

Simon & Garfunkel wow 'em at SkyDome

By ANGELA KOTLARZ
Staff Writer

Everyone at Toronto's SkyDome was feelin' groovy after a historic night with Simon and Garfunkel.

The dynamic duo's Nov. 12 concert was their first Canadian appearance in over 10 years and the crowd of 45,000 didn't hold back when the *old friends* graced centre stage.

Young and old alike were spellbound by the unforgettable performance, as they sat ever so still, mesmerized by the harmonic voices of two of music's most influential entities.

United Way

The 60-minute retrospective of their career began with tunes from their early days as The Sparks (later changed to The Peptones) and then, Hey Schoolgirl, the song that sent them on their way to music stardom as Tom and Jerry.

Following these were a list of old favorites including, The Boxer, Mrs. Robinson, 59th Street Bridge and Scarborough Fair, all filling the air with that sentimental feel.

It didn't take much for the two to win over the audience, with both Simon and Garfunkel being genuinely honored by the crowd's overwhelming reception.

Garfunkel's heartfelt rendition of Bridge Over Troubled Waters, though, was enough to upstage his musical counterpart, as everyone was moved to a standing ovation.

It was also a night which showcased great Canadian talent to start, with John Candy and Eugene Levy as the amusing masters of ceremony (otherwise known as the infamous Schmenge Brothers) and folk legend Gordon Lightfoot and Toronto's Blue Rodeo each performing for one hour sets.

This was a magical night in more ways than one, with all proceeds from the concert going to help support the United Way.

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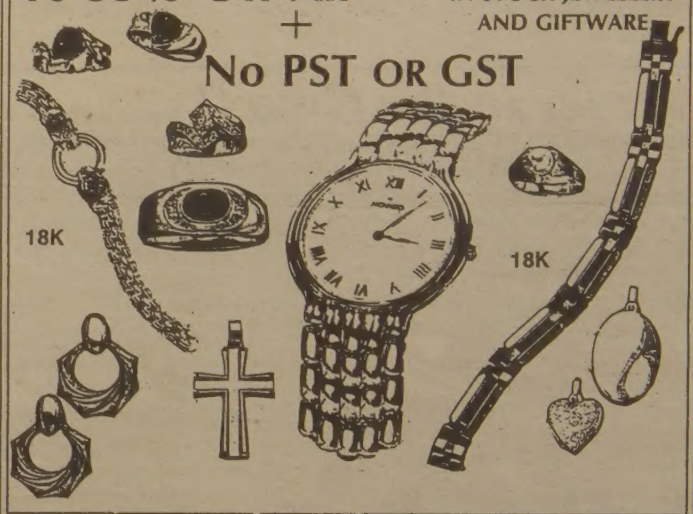

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Me & My Girl's cast will keep you in stitches

By ANDREA SNIDER
Staff Writer

The perennial battle of star-crossed lovers is hilariously portrayed in Me & My Girl, Garden City Production's offering at Brock University tonight and tomorrow.

The show begins with the search for the heir of the late Viscount Hareford's estate, Hareford Hall, presently inhabited by a houseful of self-serving relatives and do-gooders. When the family solicitor traces the legitimate heir as a young man living in Lambeth, a product of the Viscount's early marriage, the aristocrats at Hareford Hall are shocked and anxious to see him.

Thus begins the cockney invasion at Hareford Hall.

John McHenry, who portrays the young heir Bill Snibson, steals the show, along with Kirsten MacKenzie, who plays Sally, his devoted cockney girlfriend. The two are bound and bent to stay together, despite the Duchess's attempt to turn the new heir into a gentleman and find him a suitable girlfriend.

Sally is eventually banned from the estate by the Duchess, and Bill is prepared to leave his position in order to marry his true love.

Sally decides she must leave Bill so that he can become a gentleman, and invites all of their cockney friends to a party thrown by the Duchess to honour the discovery of the heir. The estate is overrun by wild cockney youths in an attempt by Sally to show Bill how different they are.

The attempt failed, Bill seeing through Sally's plan, and a plot combining Sally, the family solicitor and the Duchess's lover, John, turns Sally into a gentleman-worthy bride.

The show ends up on a Pygmalion/My Fair Lady note, Bill and Sally reunited, the entire family happy, and happy couples all over the stage.

The show is definitely worth seeing, it will keep you in stitches with its talented cast and incredibly funny one-liners.

Tickets are $16 for adults, $14 for students and seniors and $12 for groups of 20 or more. Tickets are available through the Centre for the Arts, Box Office by calling 688-5550 Ext. 3257.

Tonight and tomorrow night are your last chance to see the show. Curtain opens at 8 p.m.

Nightmare Before Christmas succeeds at nothing

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

The name says it all.

The Nightmare Before Christmas is an apt name for this Christmas movie that tries to do too much and succeeds in doing very little.

The movie struggles to be a holiday movie but combines the two most incompatible holidays imaginable: Halloween and Christmas.

It is a self-proclaimed horror movie, it has elements of a romantic comedy and yet its primary target audience is children who want to see a Christmas movie. Just to scare off any adults who might like the new horror/holiday/romantic-comedy genre, the producers also decided to make it a puppet-animated musical.

Nightmare suffers from the old "too many cooks" dilemna.

Tim Burton is a microcosm for Halloween in the same way that Disney is a microcosm for Christmas. So the perennially bizarre Burton teams up with the heartwarming and family-oriented Disney organization and Edward Scissorhands meets Mickey Mouse.

Burton's list of hit movies is impressive, however, they are either strange or gloomy. Most of his movies are both strange and gloomy.

Beetlejuice, the two Batman movies and **Pee-wee's Big Adventure** all have one of the two Burton trademarks.

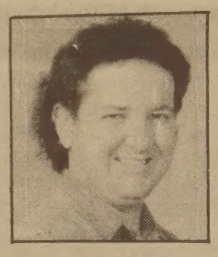
Disney usually has a knack for knowing what children want in a movie and recent Disney successes like **Aladdin** and **Homeward Bound** prove this point. Disney goofed this time by trying to capitalize on the fascination with all things gross that the post-MTV generation seem enamoured with. Christmas, however, just isn't gross. It's anti-gross.

But in comes Burton anyway, the king of gross. If you don't believe me see **Beetlejuice** or the second Batman movie.

Maggots, spiders, snakes and shrunken heads abound in **Nightmare**. A few candy-canes will be tossed up by unsuspecting six-year-olds after they watch the movie in November. The same will happen once the movie hits the video stores just before Christmas.

Despite what critics say, I'll eat my lap-top if this movie is a hit.

Confusion dogs Malice



By ALAN GILDAY
Staff Writer

Harold Becker, the director of Sea of Love and other fine films, has done it again with Malice, Columbia Pictures' newest thriller.

A series of rapes and murders have been occurring on a local college campus. The college dean is concerned because all of the victims had appointments with him before they were killed.

Dean Andy Safefield (played by Bill Pullman) and his wife Tracey (Nicole Kidman) run into Dr. Jed Hill (Alec Baldwin) at the police station. Dr. Hill is a newly-appointed surgeon at Boston Memorial Hospital who performs some miraculous operations and is quickly dubbed the "new surgical whiz kid on the block."

Andy recognizes him as a fellow alumni from his high school and invites him to lunch. Lunch leads to drinks and before you know it, Andy asks Jed if he would like to rent out the top half of the Victorian house that he shares with his wife. Jed accepts and Andy's wife is not happy with the arrangement.

One night, Tracey gets severe stomach cramps and Andy rushes her to the hospital. Dr. Hill, on emergency call, is forced to operate. During the operation, he discovers cysts on Tracey's ovaries and, believing she will die unless the ovaries are removed, he asks Andy's permission to go ahead with the removal.

A distraught Andy reluctantly agrees, although he knows his wife won't be able to have children, something she desperately wants. Tracey pulls through with flying colors, but wait, experts discover one of the ovaries didn't have to be removed. The doctor goofed. Tracey sues for $10 million, and abandons her husband because he allowed the good doctor to perform the error. What follows is a series of plot twists and surprises, which are more confusing than entertaining.

Confused about the plot? You should be! There are two main problems with this movie. One, the plot has literally been ripped off from a 1992 television movie called Deliberate Intentions, which starred Lisa Hartman and Joe Penny. There are too many things happening and too many characters to track.

Baldwin and Kidman are great in their roles, as is Bill Pullman in the role of the college dean, but there is too much happening here. The story would have been easier to follow if the rape storyline was eliminated. There is one gratuitous gore scene in the movie but its presence is only designed to beef up the trailers used to promote the movie. It's an okay movie, but be sure to pay attention or you'll be lost.

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Mayor Reuter addresses Niagara students

By ADELE NAGY
Staff Writer

Welland Mayor Dick Reuter, wearing a dark blue suit and purple tie, greeted the first-year Journalism-Print program students with "It's a pleasure to be here."

Reuter spoke to a municipal finance class on Nov. 10 at Niagara College in Welland. He spoke about his family's history, how he got into politics, and the new residence to be built at Niagara College.

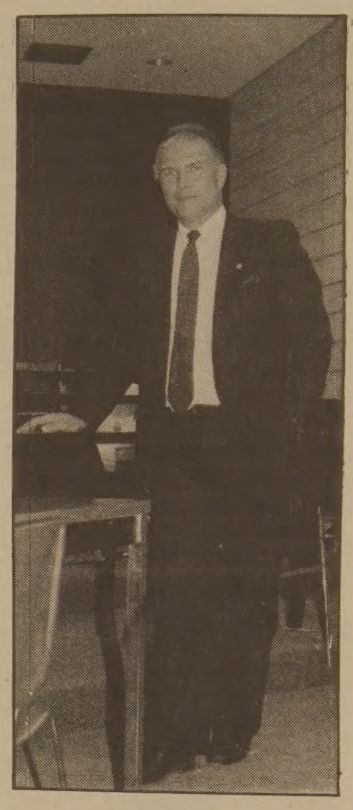
Reuter, 48, was born in Welland, as was his father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His great-great-grandfather came from Austria.

Reuter's grandparents owned farms — one being where the Seaway Mall stands. His father had a Grade 4 education and worked at various factories in Welland, before turning to milk pasturizing and delivering milk from his farm.

Reuter says there was "no money to throw around" when growing-up. His family didn't have a television or carpet. They were a "one-car family."

Reuter says his father sold his dairy business when he was in his 60s. He will always recall his father's resilience and how he always thought positively. His father instilled in him an approach that "change is fun."

After finishing high school, Reuter worked as an apprentice welder before finding a job with Trans-Canada Credit. The job took him to Sarnia, but he later quit and returned home to Welland. His next job was with Delta Acceptance Equipment in Vancouver, B.C., but his strong historical ties to the Niagara Region brought him back again, as he accepted the position of manager at the company's branch in St. Catharines.



WELLAND MAYOR DICK REUTER

Reuter's last career move before becoming mayor, was to buy an insurance agency, which became Reuter Insurance Brokers. He was involved in that business for about 20 years.

After achieving economic freedom, Reuter sold his business and took a year off. He spent the summer at his cottage, and his winter in the south.

Not content to be idle, Reuter became involved with the Welland Community Futures committee. It was responsible for the Welland Sports complex, the outdoor murals, Foyer Richelieu — Home for the Aged, the Welland Senior Centre, economic planning and a number of smaller projects, such as downtown floral arrangements.

Reuter realized there was no long-term economic planning for the city. This realization resulted in a task force report presented to Mayor Roland Hardy and the Welland City council in May, 1992. It was put on the shelf.

Reuter says the city needed a change. He submitted his name to run for mayor. He said he had the strategic plan and he "wanted to see some things happen in the city." Reuter said he wanted to create employment, make the city more open to business, and implement the plan.

Since winning the election as mayor, in 1991, Reuter has been concentrating on downtown revitalization, the canal lands and the rowing club. There has also been long-term strategic planning for improving the community's image.

Reuter says he would like to see the blue-collar image of Welland changed. He says there are "more things out there than heavy industry." Reuter predicts that in 20 to 25 years there won't be any more smoke-stack industry in the Niagara Region. It will be more high-tech like Canadian Tire Acceptance — more communications oriented. Reuter would also like to see the city take advantage of Welland's waterways.

Reuter says his first two years in office have been controversial. One of the main controversies was the "Wacky Wednesdays" or "Vital Wednesdays," imposed days off which lasted for five weeks during the summer of 1992. He says they resulted in a savings of about $250,000. Reuter says there are other ways to economize rather than laying people off. He doesn't want to see the guy at the bottom of the ladder hurt.

A student asked Reuter if he had kept his campaign promise of contributing $10,000 of his own salary to the city of Welland if elected. Reuter said he put $5,000 into the rowing club, which resulted in others contributing because of his commitment.

Reuter says he also put $5,000 into the Welland Development Centre, which was created to stimulate the economy and create jobs. To date, a woodworking company has moved into the city, employing seven people.

Reuter stressed he didn't run for mayor for the money. He said he "wanted to do something for the city." Reuter says the position of mayor pays $32,000 a year with $400 monthly for expenses, such as gas for his car.

The mayor said he is "very worried" about Sunset Haven, a home for the aged, and some of the other older facilities in the city, which need major structural overhauling. He says Ontario Premier Bob Rae's social contract is affecting Sunset Haven. (He also wondered if his "Wacky Wednesdays" idea was responsible for the idea of the social contract.) He says the staff at Sunset Haven was already cut to the minimum and now they are forced to take time off.

Reuter said the social contract is penalizing Welland for taking the initiative on being efficient. He says he has "taken all the fat out of City Hall" and already cut it to the bone.

Aimed at the classroom of future reporters, Reuter says "It seems that as an individual reads articles about myself and others, there is not a discipline for journalists that they will adhere to." He says stories "should be reported to get the news to the general public, not to build on perceptions that are already there."

"Reporters don't always adhere to a code of ethics, and politicians sometimes get crucified. "Journalists have such a responsible position — they should be taught to adhere to a code of ethics."

Reuter also talked about the residence at Niagara College which is scheduled to be constructed by 1995. The Mayor added the neighboring residents might hold the construction up for a year with their concerns over traffic and noise.

Reuter said he has no aspirations for a career in provincial government. He said he is not a member of a political party and he is not interested in provincial politics.

He sees himself campaigning for another three-year term as mayor, but sees three terms as too much. He says during the first term, the mayor sets goals and finds out "where the washroom is, but by the third term, they want you out."

After finishing with municipal politics, the Mayor says he might "take a course at Niagara College."

First year horticulture students, Emily Grant, 18, and Scott Peters, 21, check over plants in preparation of their annual poinsettia sale.

Photo by Donna Dolynsky

Buy your bloomers Dec. 2

By DONNA DOLYNSKY
Staff Writer

The St. Catharines Horticultural Centre will be holding its annual poinsettia sale at Niagara College's Welland campus on Thursday, Dec. 2.

The students will set up a sales area in Hennepin Hall from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. They will then relocate to an area near the Learning Resource Centre (library) and continue sales until 3 p.m.

Initial poinsettia sales begin Monday, Nov. 29 at the Niagara College Horticulture Centre, 36 Niagara St., in St. Catharines.

Poinsettias will be available to purchase as long as supplies last. The centre will be open for sales from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays.

Six-inch pots are available for $4. Combination pots, which include mums and poinsettia, will sell for $8.

Sale proceeds will be used to update greenhouses and equipment at the Horticulture Centre.

The centre welcomes order placement by telephone at 684-4315 ext. 2464 or ext. 2460.

Would you like a photo of yourself or someone else?

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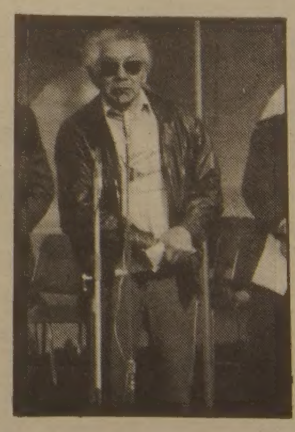

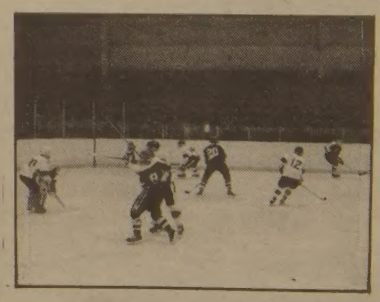

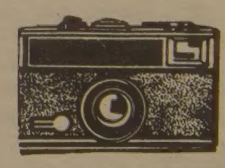

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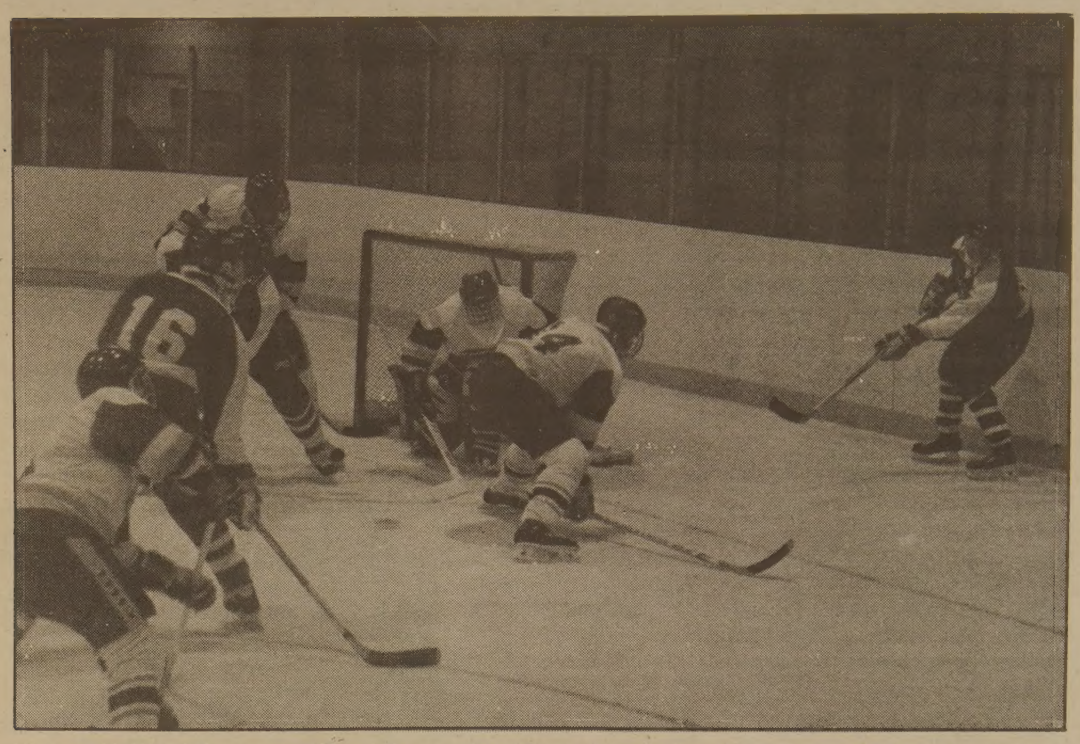
Skilful scorers, key to Niagara Knights' offensive game



Niagara Knight defenceman Chuck Gunter (No.16), cruises in the slot as the puck shoots towards him from behind the net. The Knights exploded for 13 goals in their victory over Lindsay's Sir Sanford Fleming in their season opener on Nov. 6.

-Photo by Stuart McDonald

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights hockey team has one win and one defeat after two lop-sided regular season home games.

Pete Lachance and Dave Crane combined for seven goals leading the Knights to a 13-7 win over Lindsay's Sir Sanford Fleming College on Saturday, Nov. 6.

However, it was a different story a week later when the Seneca College Braves beat the Knights 14-2 last Saturday.

The 13-7 win over Lindsay was the Knights' season opener and acting coach Jim Beattie said he was pleased with the team's effort and was glad to gain some momentum to start the season.

"Pete (Lachance) and Davey (Crane) were both renowned goal scorers in Junior B and we saw some scoring coming from the second and third lines as well. Some defencemen were jumping into the play also, so it's good to have that depth there," said Beattie.

The game was tied at two, mid way through the first period, then Niagara scored seven unanswered goals to lead 9-2 at second intermission.

Lindsay outscored Niagara 5-4 in the third period making the final 13-7.

"When you're up 9-2 you just want to stay in the game and avoid injuries and suspensions," said Crane.

On Nov. 13, Seneca Braves took control of game two at the beginning of the second period scoring 14 unanswered goals after a 2-2 first period.

"We came out a little flat to start the game and it just got worse and worse," said Beattie. "We just have to regroup. We'll have to go back out on Monday night and practice and get going again."

Niagara's next home game is Saturday, at Welland Arena against St. Lawrence College, Brockville. Game time is 8 p.m.

Niagara head coach Fred Bassi returns behind the bench after serving an automatic two-game suspension following a brawl in a game against Conestoga College of Kitchener on Oct. 20.

Helping coaches coach

By JOHN SARKO
Staff Writer

Dave Gibson wants to improve the quality of hockey coaching.

Gibson has developed a practice planner to change how coaches approach their task. He is a graduate of Niagara College's Community Enterprise Program, which is conducted by the Innovation Centre at the St. Catharines campus. The program aids people in turning an idea into a business and is sponsored by JobsOntario.

The Pick-a-Practice planner is the first product of its kind to be endorsed by the Canadian Amatuer Hockey Association. The planner is a series of pocket size, color-coded cards that provide information on drills and practice techniques. The cards allow a novice coach to run designed practices easily and effectively. "The coach has a proven method in his hand," says Gibson.

The planner condenses Gibson's 20 years of coaching experience and his Level Four national coaches certification into the user-friendly system. Two univrsity hockey coaches, Mike Pelino of Brock and Don McKee of Waterloo, provided technical advice on the design of the drills. Drills cover individual and team technique, warm-up and cool-down excercises and different stretches. The drills increase in complexity by adding simple elements. The cards explain the purpose of each drill so that players understand how their game will improve.

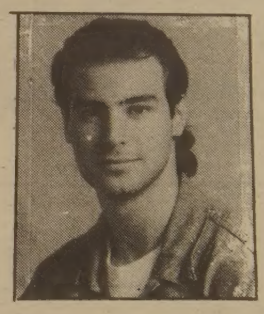
The graphics are unique and it is easy for player's to catch the flow and pattern of what they are asked to do, says Gibson. They can be used for players that are seven or 17 years of age.

Gibson says there is a need for the planner because minor hockey coaches who volunteer their time need increased knowledge without spending increased time. "A coach doesn't get burned out because he has to spend three hours preparing a practice. Coaching stays fun," he says. Gibson said his rational is that the game will remain fun for dedicated and experienced coaches who have a lot to provide to minor hockey. The kid's win because they are coached by qualified people, he says. The planner is being marketed towards hockey associations by a local high-profile coach such as Brock's Mike Pelino. Gibson said the associations have a responsibility to their coaches and players to commit to the improvement and enjoyment of the game.

Gibson, 43, a former plastics engineer, worked with the Innovation Centre to develop a business plan. The centre provides a network of lawyers, accountants and other professionals, including beginning entrepreneurs. The CAHA endorsement lends immeasurable credibility to the practice planner, says Barbara Okanik, business development officer at the Innovation Centre. The centre "was a major catalyst. Without it I would not have launched this," says Gibson.

Pick-a Practice Inc. will be releasing similiar planners for soccer and baseball next spring.

NBA takes Stern stance on Pro-line



By FRANK SERRA
Staff Writer

Just when you thought Pro-Line was here to stay, think again.

The National Basketball Association (NBA) is threatening to hold back the acceptance of Toronto's NBA franchise if the wagering of basketball is not taken out of the Pro-Line lottery in Ontario.

Quick to jump on the bandwagon is Gary Bettman, commissioner of the National Hockey League. He would also like to see a separation between the Ontario Lottery Corporation and the NHL. Bettman's reason for an NHL departure is that he wants the same fair option as the NBA to disassociate his sport from gambling.

NBA commissioner David Stern has said the NBA does not want any association with lottery gambling. The league was successful in the past in removing basketball from state-run lottery organizations under the direction of then-commissioner Gary Bettman.

The Ontario government has benefited greatly from their first year of existence with more than $200 million in sales and a net profit of $55 million. These numbers were way over the expected forecast.

Pro-Line's biggest bets come from football, then hockey and then basketball. Pro-Line can survive without the NBA, but not the NHL.

Pro-Line is the only thing I can think of (besides lottario and lotto 6/49) that makes the Ontario government a lot of money and not anger the hell out of us taxpayers.

Personally, if Bob Rae and the Ontario government gives in to the NBA and the NHL's pressures and cancels Pro-line, I will be devestated along with many others who took Pro-line in to be part of Canadian culture. Besides, if they take Pro-line out I'll have to start calling my bookie again — and that's illegal.

Tournament rallies against violence

By GREGORY KELLY
Staff Writer

Canadian tennis star Chris Pridham is charging the net to score a match point against violence.

Pridham will play Welland-native Brian Gyetko on Nov. 27 on 7 p.m. at the Cedar Springs Athletic and Racquet Club. The goal of the event is to raise $50,000 for CAVEAT (Canadians Against Violence Everywhere Advocating its Termination).

Cedar Springs Athletic and Racquet Club is the same club where 19-year-old Nina DeVilliers was abducted from. Her subsequent murder lead her mother Priscilla DeVilliers to form CAVEAT.

Pridham's sister, the tennis pro at Cedar Springs, asked him to play in last year's inaugural event and after realizing that he could help even more by running the event, Pridham made the tournament his project.

"It's not right that women are afraid to walk alone or that our children have to be watched constantly because we are afraid they'll be abducted," Pridham said.

Pridham said he is hoping the tournament will raise awareness.

CAVEAT spokesperson Dorothy Leonard said they are "very excited" about Pridham's involvement.

"Events like this help make people aware about the need to end violence, and it helps to see people pull together for the cause," Leonard said.

Roy Emerson and Vitas Gerulaitis are also schedualed to play in the chrity event. Tickets are available at the SAC office in Welland. The cost of the tickets are $50 for adults and $25 for youth (under 19).

Saso congratulates Enterprise program graduates

By JOHN SARKO
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Innovation Centre recently honored graduates of the Community Enterprise program at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

Niagara College President John Saso was on hand to congratulate 24 graduates for their commitment to the entrepreneural spirit.

The Enterprise program helps aspiring entrepreneurs realize their goal of starting a business. Of the 24 program graduates, 19 have started a business.

"It is not the large corporations that will lead us out of the unemployment abyss, but it is the small entrepreneur that will make the difference," says Saso.

Bob Wilson, a representative from JobsOntario which sponsors the program, stressed the importance of on-going support and networking offered to the graduates.

Barb Sadowski received special recognition for her design talents, which helped the program's entrepreneurs win the exhibit prize at a recent trade show co-sponsored by the Niagara Falls and St. Catharines Chamber of Commerces.

Marlene Denommee is starting a janitoral business in commercial cleaning. She already has three contracts and says the program "lived up to everything it promised and more. The training is overwhelming and specialists are offered in every aspect. You can't fail."

Bob Paulin says the program helped him to realize his vision of opening a tattoo salon. His business, Artistic Impressions, will open in December in downtown St. Catharines. Addressing the ceremony, Paulin said the program "gave him the tools to build a strong and successful business."

Arnie Marks designed the Rodmate, a formed piece of rubber that holds together the two pieces of a fishing pole. Marks says it is the only product of its kind. He has just received the endorsement of the St. Catharines Game and Fish Association.

"There is no way I would be here without the program," says Marks. "I cannot say enough about it (the program)."

Marks has had his idea for years, but was unable to put it into an effective and tangible plan to realize sales. Through the community enterprise program he was linked with a manufacturer who volunteered help with a prototype.

"It is surprising because here is a government program that works," says Marks.

George Repar, director of the Innovation Centre, said he believes it is the entrepreneural spirit of "bright ideas and burning ambition that makes that portion of the campus come alive."

Scholarships awarded

By ROBIN GREEN
Staff Writer

Two first-year Niagara College students have received Canada Scholarships for students in technology at a ceremony at Brock University Oct. 15.

Roman Cierny, a student in computer engineering technology, and Kimberly Anderson, a student in mechanical engineerng technology, were awarded scholarships after maintaining averages over 80 per cent in high school. The scholarships are worth $2,500 annually and are renewable up to three times. The students must maintain averages over 80 per cent to renew the scholarships.

Eligible first-year university undergraduate students in natural sciences or engineering studies can be awarded Canada Scholarships in science and engineering, while eligible students working towards college diplomas in technology are awarded Canada Scholarships in technology. The federal government grants a minimum of 2,500 scholarships annually through the Department of Industry, Science and Technology. The scholarships are awarded on academic merit; financial need is not considered.

Cierny said he is hoping to continue his studies at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ont., upon graduating from Niagara College. He will be able to use many of his Niagara College credits towards his degree if he attends university.

Anderson said she hopes to be employed in the mechanical engineering field upon graduating, and hopes to continue her education, with the financial help of an employer, to eventually become an engineer.

Winter safety relies on caution

By KEITH HOBBS
Staff Writer

Think before you step.

It is that time of year again, when falling temperatures, ice and snow cause slippery conditions. It is important to be sure-footed or you could be seriously injured.

Mal Woodhouse, Niagara College's safety officer, warns that "students accustomed to the warm weather must adjust" because slips and falls are "all too common."

"It's as simple as keeping your eyes on the look out for potential problem areas," Woodhouse said.

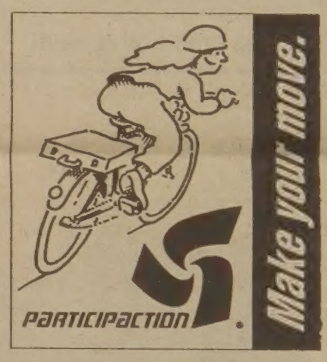
The warnings came earlier this year because of the unexpected snowfall in late October. After the snowfall, four accidents were reported to Woodhouse, of which one resulted in a fractured leg.

"Conditions change quickly, what was a puddle early in the day may be ice by one o'clock," Woodhouse warns. The worst offender is black ice, which reflects little light rendering it almost invisible, he said.

Footwear plays a major role in keeping you on your feet. High heels and vinyl or leather soled shoes should be kept for indoor wear. Outside they can be murder on ice.

Woodhouse also wants drivers to be wary. "Don't get out of your car loaded up with books. (First,) exit your car, get a sure footing and then retrieve your things."

Common sense is the best tool you have to keep yourself safe this winter, try to use it, he said.



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Niagara's new co-ordinators

By ELAINE DOOLITTLE
Staff Writer

Niagara College has two new co-ordinators.

Roger Stouck is the new Technical Mathematics department program co-ordinator in the department of mathematics. Sue Reinhart is the new English-development co-ordinator in the English department.

"Each co-ordinator has the responsibility for curriculum programs and any changes that may come up," said Foundation Studies director Barry Sharpe. "These changes are ways to improve the courses."

"I am pleased with these two co-ordinators. They are working out very well. I can already see the change in the departments as months go by," said Sharpe.

Stouck has worked to develop several specialist computer application courses and played a role in reworking senior technical math courses.

He taught upgrading math for more than 10 years before transferring to post-secondary in 1981. In his new role, he will have responsibility for all technical mathematics courses and computer courses offered by the department.

"My position is challenging. I wanted and needed a change that would take me outside of the classroom," he said.

Reinhart has been chair of the department curriculum committee and played a role in the development of the new English 1 and 11 series of courses last spring. She was also involved in language development projects this past academic year.

"I find that this position is the most challenging and the most interesting, more than I anticipated. It is challenging because the department is complex and it always has a change of venue," she said.

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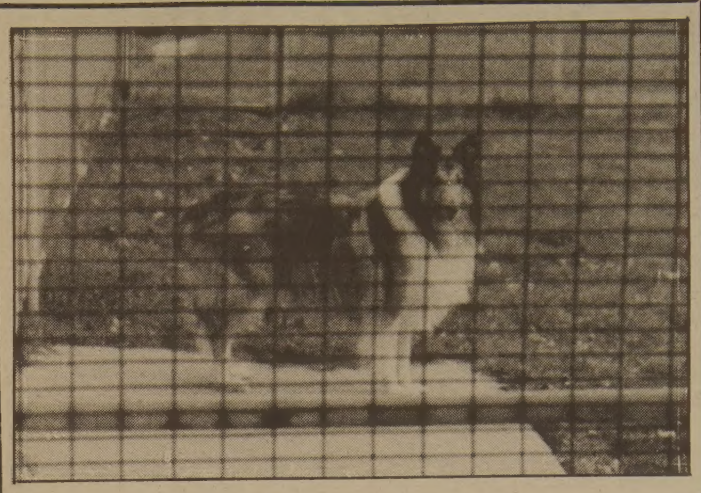


Here Doggy, Doggy!

The Welland Humane Society's mascot Amber, a three-year-old collie, takes a breather.

Photo by Jillian Watson

NAFA kicks off lecture series

By JILLIAN WATSON
Staff Writer

Niagara Action for Animals (NAFA) is a "community and student based organization" that works towards eliminating the abuse of animals through education, says chairperson Catherine Ens of St. Catharines.

"Our members do what they can, how they can, when they can."

NAFA produces and distributes educational materials, holds public forums for guest speakers, organizes petitions and peaceful demonstrations, buys media space and time to publicize animal-related issues and speaks to service groups and schools.

NAFA believes humans have an obligation to alleviate animal suffering wherever possible. In its brochure, NAFA says that helping animals is no more or less important than helping humans.

It is the group's belief that animals should not be denied their basic interests since all species fear injury and fight for life.

NAFA kicked off its 1993-94 lecture series with a speech on the animal rights movement in late September. Kathy Guillermo, education co-ordinator of the Washington-based People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, spoke at Brock University in St. Catharines.

A debate held Nov. 1 on the question of whether animals should be raised intensively for food was the second of the series.

Wendell Palmer, member of the Farm Animal Council of Ontario, and Isle Polonko, education co-ordinator of the Farm Animal Sanctuary in Watkins Glen, N.Y., engaged in a debate which drew a crowd of about 100.

Ens says she hopes to do another debate, which "tends to be more lively," on hunting sometime in February.

NAFA holds meetings the second Wednesday of every month at Brock University.

'Monkey Business' focus of speech

By JILLIAN WATSON
Staff Writer

The little man can do big things if he is committed, said Kathy Guillermo at a speech on the animal rights movement.

The speech was the first of Niagara Action for Animals' 1993-94 lecture series.

Guillermo, education co-ordinator of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and newly-published author of the book Monkey Business, spoke to a group of about 35 people in Pond Inlet at Brock University in St. Catharines in late September.

Monkey Business, which is 242 pages and published by National Press Books, chronicles the landmark Silver Spring monkey case, outside of Washington D.C., which launched the animal rights movement.

Two people, Alex Pacheco and Ingrid Newkirk, set about to change the way people in the United States used animals.

They had an idea that animals should not be treated as a resource by people. Their contention is that animals should not be enslaved by us and they should not be treated by man as a means to an end.

The case was the first leading to the criminal prosecution of a medical researcher opposed to animal rights.

The story of the Silver Spring's monkeys and the "case that began the animal rights [movement] is a perfect example of how a few people with limited resources can make a tremendous change," said Guillermo.

Before 1981 people who objected to the use of animals in experiments were seen as "lunatics," she said, and anything they said could be "easily dismissed."

"But now it is becoming harder and harder to defend what is being done to our fellow beings on this planet because more and more people are objecting to it," she said.

In 1981 PETA consisted of about five people. There are now 400,000 members.

She said the growth has been "so rapid" it is hard to imagine what it was like before 1981.

Guillermo said her message for the evening was that even a few people can make a difference.

She cited the example of a Portland, Ore. woman who "single-handedly" ended the crash test use of animals. PETA launched a campaign against the General Motors Company last year because GM was the only automaker still using animals in crash tests.

PETA could find only one woman who would think about standing outside a dealership. She had never done a media interview, she had never been to a protest, but she made the lead story on the NBC national newscast that night.

Paws For Thought

Since 1981 scenarios like this one have been happening across the continent, said Guillermo. Animal experiments have been stopped, slaughter houses have been closed and the fur industry has "tumbled."

"Tenacity brings victory," she said emphatically.

Guillermo told her audience they could write letters and boycott companies.

Ten years ago Guillermo mail-ordered every cosmetic product in her house and there were only five or six cruelty-free companies from which she could mail-order.

Today consumers can walk into any grocery store, drug store or department store and find products manufactured by companies who have a commitment not to test on animals.

This is not just because of PETA, but because consumers have taken time to write companies and boycott their products, she said.

"Each of us has to make a commitment to change," said Guillermo. "If we don't do it then nobody is going to."

Animal activist River Phoenix dies

By JILLIAN WATSON
Staff Writer

River Phoenix, the Hollywood actor and accomplished musician, was a dedicated activist who performed at various events sponsored by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). He performed with his progressive pop band, Aleka's Attic, for about five years before his death earlier this month from a suspected drug overdose.

PETA contacted Phoenix after he appeared on the March 1988 issue of Vegetarian Times, the world's leading magazine for vegetarians, said Dan Mathews, director of international campaigns for the Washington-based PETA.

A strict vegetarian from childhood, Phoenix didn't eat meat, dairy products, eggs, or wear leather clothing, said Mathews.

"He was a great guy, willing to do anything, no attitude, very easy to deal with," he said of Phoenix.

Alex Pacheco, PETA president, and Ilene Cohn, director of special events, attended the funeral in Florida.

Cohn, a friend of the family, said the family appreciated everybody who attended the memorial service.

Phoenix was among many celebrities who have endorsed the work of PETA, including singer Paul McCartney and the stars of the television show Golden Girls.

Animal author Kathy Guillermo walks her talk

By JILLIAN WATSON
Staff Writer

Kathy Guillermo has a soft spot for animals.

She has worked in animal protection for more than a decade and is education co-ordinator for Washington-based People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

Guillermo said she has been interested in animal rights as long as she can remember. "I've always wanted to work to help animals in some way."

She recounts her childhood days of bringing all the stray neighborhood dogs and cats home. Her parents, Charles and Nancy Sorrell, believed if you couldn't provide the "optimum" home for animals, you shouldn't keep them, said Guillermo.

Raised in the small university town of Rolin, Missouri, she said it was obvious to her "growing up that animals were terribly mistreated."

Her goal, she said, was to study literature and learn to write well so she could help animals in a literary capacity. Guillermo graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1981 with a degree in English.

She is a newly-published author of "Monkey Business", chronicling the landmark Silver Spring's monkey case which launched the animal rights movement.

The work is dedicated to her husband, Emil and her daughter, Jillian, proof positive her dedication to family is as strong as her commitment to the movement.

She met her husband in 1987 when she had established a considerable resume in animal work. Emil, then a reporter for the NBC TV affiliate in San Francisco, was covering a story at an animal shelter where she worked.

He thought she was "a little bit crazy at first," but because he was Asian-American she said he recognized the correlation between working for animals' rights and working for rights of an ethnic group who had little power.

After becoming a vegetarian, she said he wrote a column on the subject in Filipinas, an Asian-American magazine pointing out the hypocrisy of Americans' disdain for Filipinos eating dogs while they enjoyed eating turkey for Sunday dinner.

Her daughter Jillian, who started kindergarten this fall, already has a keen awareness of animals, Guillermo said.

Like her parents, Jillian has decided not to eat meat. She doesn't go to zoos or circuses, either. Her mother says "at this point it is not something she misses." Numerous other pursuits, not involving animal cruelty, such as going to Disney's Show on Ice for which they recently bought tickets, can entertain children, she said.

Guillermo doesn't know if she'd be willing to go to jail for animals now that she is a mother. "I have an awareness of what is fair and unfair for my daughter," she says with commitment.

This doesn't mean she is a stranger to being behind the bars of a cage. She was arrested in 1990 when she crossed a police barrier and held a protest at the National Institute of Health where primates were being held in a research laboratory.

"I believe in civil disobedience," she said. "It is an important part of any social movement."

Guillermo appeared on CNN's Crier and Company in November 1991 to discuss zoos. Zoos are not honest in purpose, she says. Their primary purpose is business and entertainment. Education and preservation of the species is a distant second. She maintains that zoos could be places for rehabilitation, saying "Zoos have the potential to be sanctuaries for unreleasable animals."

During her appearance on the Howard Stern show she engaged in a heated debate with rock star Ted Nugent who owns a ranch in Michigan.

Nugent uses the animals to feed and clothe himself, something Guillermo strongly opposes. One of PETA's tenets is that animals are not ours to eat, wear or experiment upon. Animals should not be treated as a resource by people, nor should they be used as a means to an end.

In her job as education co-ordinator, Guillermo speaks to agricultural people, ranchers and furriers. Although she says they have a "fundamental disagreement," she enjoys these talks.

In many cases, they are misinformed about what animal rights are and she enjoys "setting the record straight."

New party crowd in Canada's House

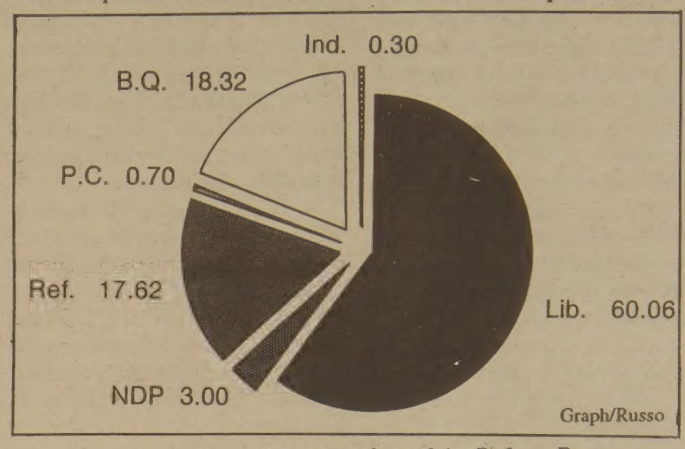
By STEPHEN KRICK
Staff Writer

The 1993 federal election has radically altered the Canadian political structure.

The Progressive Conservatives are decimated. The New Democratic Party no longer has official party status. Two new parties, the Reform and the Bloc Quebecois, explode onto the scene. The official opposition, the Bloc Quebecois, is a party that ran candidates in only one province. And the Liberals win the election by default.

The Liberals didn't so much win the election as they were the benefactors of a unique election experience.

The Reform Party had a hand in the Conservatives' collapse and the Liberals' election. Reform split the conservative vote with the Tories in Ontario allowing the Liberals to come up the middle. In 28 Ontario ridings, the totalled vote for the Reform and Tory candidates exceed that for the elected Liberal candidate.



In 1988, in Ontario, the Tories won 47 seats, the Liberals, 43, and the NDP, 10. In this election, the Liberals won 98 seats, and the Reform Party took one. The Ontario NDP government's unpopularity caused many traditional NDP supporters to vote for the Liberals in protest, and in fear of the Reform Party.

The Bloc Quebecois contributed to the Tories' demise. In 1988, the Conservatives took 61 seats in Quebec. This time, 51 of those seats went to the Bloc Quebecois, as the Liberals won nine. One-third of the seats the Tories held in 1988 were swallowed in a protest vote to a pseudo-separatist party: the Bloc Quebecois.

Why pseudo-separatists? On election night, Lucien Bouchard, leader of the Bloc, gave a speech saying the Quebec government could initiate separation, since it alone could hold a referendum. Most Canadians perceive the Bloc as a separatist party. If the Bloc had the power to separate unilaterally, they probably wouldn't have won very many seats. Quebec voters cast a vote of protest, not separation.

The Reform Party won British Columbia and Alberta taking 46 of 58 seats. They won 24 seats in B.C. In 1988, the NDP won 19 seats in B.C., but voters, angry with their provincial NDP government, surprisingly, voted for the Reform Party. In 1988, the Tories won 24 seats in Alberta; in 1993 the Reform Party won 22 seats.

Reform may be replacing the Tories as representatives of conservative ideology in the West, and possibly all of Canada. Don't count the Tories out. They have a party organization, a tradition dating from Canada's foundation, a name recognized nationwide and a very capable potential leader in Jean Charest. He, at 34, still has a lifetime of politics ahead of him. The Tories received as many votes as the Bloc Quebecois. The Bloc's votes were concentrated. The Tories' votes were spread throughout the country.

The Reform Party primarily represents the West although Preston Manning, Reform Party leader, said, on election night, he represents those concerned with the policy of federal deficit financing, and with elected officials who are neither accountable, nor trustworthy.

The House of Commons has become the house of regions, with the Liberals representing Ontario, Manitoba, and four eastern provinces — they won 142 of a possible 146 seats, the Reform Party representing Alberta and B.C., and the Bloc Quebecois representing Quebec. Lonely Saskatchewan split seats almost equally between the Liberals, the Reform Party and the NDP.

The next five years could prove interesting.

$20 car sales package mandatory

By ALAN GILDAY
Staff Writer

If you are planning to sell your car privately in the near future you better be prepared to cough up an extra $20.

The Ontario government recently passed legislation concerning the sale of used cars by requiring private sellers to purchase a $20 sales kit. The kit is the latest government effort to help protect the unwary consumer from fraudulent car deals.

One local car dealer feels that the legislation will help the consumer because it will give the perspective buyer the entire history of the car.

"Every car in Canada can be traced through its serial number. Most cars that we get come from auctions at GM or Ford and we know their history. With used cars that are sold privately, up until now, the buyer really had no idea if the car had any outstanding liens on it or if the car had been used as a rental car. So the buyer will have more protection,"the dealer said.

Karen Monster of St. Catharines recently sold her car along with the information kit.

"The kit is actually a computer printout that gives you the previous owners of the car, the fair market value of the car, and if there are any outstanding liens on it," said Monster.

Curbsiders are unauthorized dealers who sell cars of questionable quality.

A lien is a legal instrument that can be placed on a vehicle if there are any outstanding repair bills or money owing on the car. In the past, buyers could get lien information on any vehicle from the province for a fee. Under the legislation, all sellers must provide the kit at the time of the sale. Several other sellers in the area were unaware of the new law despite numerous articles in local newspapers and ads in Autotrader magazine.

Danny Pinelli, of Port Colborne, likes the idea the consumer is better protected but dislikes the kit's $20 price tag.

"They already have the computer system in place, it's just a matter of printing it out. I think it should have been done a long time ago. I've bought used cars over the years and have never done a lien search, but I like the idea that I will get all of that information in the future," said Pinelli.

Nancy Frankel, a customer service representative for AutoTrader magazine in Toronto hasn't had much feedback from advertisers.

"I think it's great, especially if if cuts down on the number of curbsiders," said Frankel.

Curbsiders are unauthorized dealers who sell cars of questionable quality.

"We get flooded with complaints from people that have bought a car through an ad in our magazine and have been stung, and while we sypathsize with them, it's not our fault," said Frankel.

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Closed council opens eyes

By KEITH HOBBS
Staff Writer

The root of many of our society's problems has been discovered by Niagara Falls Alderman Norm Puttick.

And what reason did Puttick find for teenage pregnancies, gang violence and many other social troubles facing modern society? Mothers - or more specifically, working mothers.

"Mothers should be in the home and they should be bonding with their children and not dropping them off at daycare," Puttick said.

His controversial comments were made at a closed council meeting after viewing *"Pornography: Freedom Sacrificed."* The video, which explores the links between violence and pornography, shows acts of bondage and other violent sexual techniques. Aimed at making people aware of the problems aroused by such videos, some aldermen felt the message of the video wasn't clear.

"Mothers should be in the home with their children and not dropping them off at daycare"

Puttick

"I don't know if showed, it . . . would make a difference," said Ald. Marg Germano. Ald. Pat Cummings said she thought the video was "pretty graphic."

"I almost got up and and walked out," Cummings said.

After the viewing of the video, Puttick wanted to make his stance on the issue clear. Puttick said he feels that "responsible mothers" belong at home in the early stages of a child's development.

"The key word is putting (family) priorities in order," Puttick said.

The remarks by Puttick have made him the focal point of many women's groups.

"What rock has he been living under?" asked Emilie Fowler, presenter of the video and a spokesperson for Women and Resources